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MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR SESSION

IN TAUNTON, JUNE, 1831.

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WITH THE

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AND THE

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled at Taunton, in the meeting house of Rev. Erastus Maltby, on Tuesday June 28, 1831, at 5 P. M.; and was called to order, agreeably to Rules of the Association, by Rev. Mr. Maltby.

The Rev. John Codman, D. D. was chosen Moderator, Rev. David Oliphant, Scribe, and Rev. George Fisher, Assistant Scribe.

It appeared by certificates, that of those who had been duly appointed as delegates to this Body, at this meeting, the following persons were present, viz.

Berkshire Association,		Rev. Munson C. Gaylord, Rev. Harley Goodwin.
Mountain	do.	Rev. Saul Clark.
Franklin	do.	None.
Hampshire	do.	None.
Hampden	do.	Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D.
Brookfield	do.	Rev. Levi Packard, Rev. John Wilder.
Harmony,	do.	Rev. John Maltby, Rev. Miner G. Pratt.
Worcester Central	do.	Rev. Samuel Russell.
Worcester North	do.	None.
Middlesex Union	do.	Rev. Leonard Luce, Rev. George Fisher,
Middlesex South	do.	Rev. Martin Moore, Rev. Luther Wright.
Andover	do.	Rev. Jared Reid, Rev. Joseph Searle.
Haverhill	do.	Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D.

Essex Middle Association,	Rev. Isaac Braman, Rev. Gardiner B. Perry.
Salem and Vicinity, do.	Rev. David Oliphant, Rev. Milton P. Braman.
Suffolk North do.	Rev. Elijah Demond, Rev. James Bates.
Suffolk South do.	Rev. Thomas Noyes, Rev. Joy H. Fairchild.
Norfolk do.	Rev. Daniel Huntington, Rev. Baalis Sanford.
Taunton and Vic. do.	Rev. Thomas Andros, Rev. Stetson Raymond.
Old Colony do.	Rev. Samuel Nott, Jr. Rev. Francis Horton.
Barnstable do.	Rev. John Sanford, Rev. Enoch Pratt.
Pilgrim do.	Rev. Plumer Chase, Rev. Joshua Barrett.
Mass. Miss. Society,	Rev. John Codman, D. D. Rev. Warren Fay, D. D.
General Assembly, Pres.Ch.	Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D. Rev. David Root.
General Asso. of Conn.	Rev. Edward Bull, Rev. Joseph Whiting.
General Convention of Ver.	Rev. J. W. French, Rev. S. Goddard.
General Asso. of N. H.	Rev. James D. Farnsworth, Rev. Josiah Towne.
General Conference of Maine, None.	
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,	Rev. Thomas T. Waterman, Rev. William H. Beecher.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary of the General Association; and Rev. Erastus Maltby, Pastor of the Church in Taunton, *ex-officio*, members of the Association.

The Rules of the Association having been read, the Moderator led the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Fay and Moore were appointed a Committee to confer with Rev. Mr. Sanford, a delegate from the Confer-

ence of Churches in Barnstable County, in relation to his right to a seat in this Body.

Rev. Messrs. Osgood, Braman Sen., and Erastus Maltby, were appointed a committee to nominate a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Snell, Huntington and Perry were appointed a committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies in connection with this.

The committee appointed to nominate a Committee of Arrangements, reported for that committee, Rev. Messrs. Fay, Snell and Huntington; which report was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Braman Sen., Clark and Demond, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's Account.

Messrs. Crocker and Brewster of Boston, were appointed Agents of the Association for the ensuing year.

Voted, that prayer-meetings be held in this house on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday at 5 o'clock.

Voted to adjourn to meet in this house to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock—closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock, the Association met agreeably to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer.

The Committee of Arrangements made a report in part, which was accepted.

Voted, That the Rev. Messrs. Moore, Smith and Trask of the South Middlesex Association, be requested to prepare a Pastoral Address for the next year.

Messrs. Snell, Fairchild and Fay, were appointed a committee to nominate a committee to take Minutes of the Narratives of the state of Religion. They reported the following gentlemen to compose this committee, viz. Messrs. Osgood, Lansing, Huntington, Nott and Waterman; which report was accepted.

A Pastoral Address was presented from the Essex Middle Association, to which this service was assigned the last year, and read by Rev. Mr. Braman, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the General Agent of the American Colonization Society, on the subject of Intemperance at Liberia, read as their Report, a Letter from Rev. Mr. Gurley, the Agent, and a Communication in the Washington City Chronicle, from the office of the Colon-

ization Society, addressed to the Colony, giving assurance that all suitable measures would be adopted to prevent the extension of this great evil, and to suppress it, in said colony; which report was accepted.

The subject of representation to Foreign Bodies referred at the last meeting, to the several district Associations for advice, was indefinitely postponed.

Messrs. Snell, Packard, and Fay were appointed a Committee to distribute the reports of Foreign Bodies.

The Association heard Rev. Mr. Orr, Agent of the African Education Society, on the subject of Slavery and Colonization:

Whereupon Resolved, That we consider the cause of the African Education Society of the United States, as of vital importance to the interests of the African people; and that we hereby recommend to the Ministers and Churches in our connection to promote its interests by charitable collections, and such other methods as they may deem expedient and practicable.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, made the following Report, which was accepted, viz. To the General Assembly, Rev. Drs. Codman and Osgood, primaries; Rev. Messrs. George Allen and Leonard Withington, substitutes—to the Gen. Asso. of Conn. Rev. Messrs. Augustus B. Reed and John Boardman, primaries; William Eaton, and Dudley Phelps, substitutes—to the Gen. Asso. of N. H. Rev. Messrs. Ethan Smith, and Joseph Vail, primaries; Rev. Mr. Perkins of Ashburnham, and Mr. Wright of West Newbury, substitutes—to the Gen. Convention of Vermont, Rev. Messrs. Samuel Nott, Jr. and Benjamin Woodbury, primaries; Rev. Messrs. John Todd, and Sylvester Holmes, substitutes—Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Dr. Beecher, and Rev. Moses Stuart, primaries; Rev. Messrs. Moses Hallock, and Samuel C. Jackson, substitutes—General Conference of Maine, Rev. Messrs. Erastus Clapp, and Calvin Hitchcock, primaries; Rev. Messrs. G. W. Blagden, and Erastus Maltby, substitutes.

Voted, That a communication proposed to be made by Rev. Dr. Porter, on the subject of the sanctification of the Sabbath, be the order of business for half past 11 A. M.

Voted to hear Rev. Edward Beecher in relation to the college in Illinois over which he presides, and the interests of the Western country generally: Whereupon Voted, that Messrs.

Perry, Nott, and Wilder be a committee to consider and report on the subject.

Voted, That the Haverhill Association be requested to appoint the preacher before this Body, the next year.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Association be at Northampton, at the meeting house of Rev. Mr. Spencer.

Rev. Messrs. Packard and E. Maltby, were appointed a committee to nominate a preacher for the Mass. Miss. Soc. for the next year.

The following Resolution with its accompanying preamble, on the subject of Intemperance, was adopted, viz. As the use of Ardent Spirit for persons in health, is not only needless, but hurtful, as it tends to form intemperate appetites and habits, and while it is continued, the evils of Intemperance can never be done away; as it causes a great portion of the pauperism, crimes and wretchedness of the community, increases the number, frequency and violence of diseases, deprives many of reason, and brings down multitudes to an untimely grave; as it tends to produce in the children of those who use it a predisposition to intemperance, insanity and various diseases; and to cause a universal deterioration of both body and mind; as it tends to prevent the efficacy of the Gospel, and all the means which God has provided for the moral and spiritual illumination and purification of men, and thus to ruin them for both worlds—therefore

Resolved, That in our opinion, the traffic in Ardent Spirit, as an article of luxury or diet, is inconsistent with the spirit and requirements of the Christian religion, and ought to be abandoned throughout the christian world.

And we would express our deep regret, that after all the light, which, in the course of Providence, has been thrown on this subject by Physicians, Jurists, Philanthropists and Christians, any sober man, especially any member of a Christian Church should be found engaged in this destructive traffic.—Printed forms of the above Preamble and Resolution, the Moderator and Scribe of the Association were directed to sign.

The Committee appointed to nominate a preacher for the Mass. Miss. Soc. the next year, reported Rev. Richard S. Storrs; and the report was accepted.

The Committee on the subject of the College in Illinois, made the following report, which was accepted, viz. A statement having been made by Rev. President Beecher, of the College in Illinois, respecting the objects and present condition of that institution,

Resolved, That this Body feel a deep concern in the literary and religious interests of the West generally, and recommend the Illinois College to the prayers and charities of the Christian community.

The Committee on the subject of a delegation from the Barnstable Conference of Churches made report, that it appears that the delegates bringing certificates from the above named body ought to have been returned as delegates from the Barnstable Association; and that, as such, they are in the view of the Committee entitled to a seat in this body: this report was accepted.

Agreeably to the assignment for half past 11, Rev. Dr. Porter made a communication on the subject of the Sabbath, accompanied with several resolutions, and an Article of Agreement as the basis of voluntary Associations to be formed for the better preservation and sanctification of this holy day.—While the subject was under discussion, voted to adjourn till 2 P. M.

2 P. M. Met agreeably to adjournment; the subject presented by Dr. Porter was resumed. After further discussion, the above named Article of Agreement, and resolutions, with accompanying remarks, were unanimously adopted, and are as follows.

The Committee on the *Christian Sabbath*, appointed by the Pastoral Association at its last meeting, submitted for the consideration of this body the following statement and Resolutions, viz.

The Committee of Pastoral Association appointed to deliberate, and consult, and to adopt such measures as they deem expedient to promote a due observance of the Sabbath, have endeavored, with humble dependence on God, to enter on the discharge of the duties assigned them. They have done this under the solemn conviction that for the last thirty, and especially the last ten years, a gradual and growing indifference to the obligation of keeping the Sabbath, has been coming upon our community at large, and even upon our churches; and that unless good men speedily awake from their apathy, and unite in some efficient measures, on the subject, it will be too late to arrest the tide of desolation which threatens to sweep away all that remains of our invaluable institutions. With these impressions, the Committee have inquired what is to be done? Can we rely on petitions to Congress to reform the abuses of the National Post Office? Greatly as such a reformation is needed, if obtained, it would reach but one of the thousand forms, in which the Sabbath is profaned; and the attainment of it is nearly

hopeless, while as yet the necessary reformation is scarcely begun in our own families and neighborhoods. Can we rely on the influence of the General Sabbath Union? For three years we have been looking with high hopes to that institution so auspiciously begun; but it never can fulfil these hopes, without a much more efficient co-operation than has hitherto been given to it from any part of the country.

In the mean time the profanations of the Sabbath continue, and increase from week to week, while good men are imperceptibly carried downward by the current, and their slumber over the danger is becoming more profound.

The Committee believe, notwithstanding, that the spirit of our fathers has still hold enough on this community to redeem it from our backslidings, if proper measures for this purpose are taken without more delay. And we think that the grand effort now demanded, should begin where it ought to have begun long ago, *in the reformation of ourselves.*

With these views the Committee propose that all the friends of the Sabbath, who are willing to do so, should organize themselves into local Sabbath Associations, by subscribing the following agreement, viz.

"Believing that all worldly business and travelling on the Christian Sabbath, except in cases of piety, necessity and mercy, and all worldly visiting and amusements on that day, are contrary to the divine will, and injurious to the social, civil, and religious interests of men; we the subscribers agree that we will abstain from all such violations of the Sabbath, and that we will use our influence to persuade our own families and others to do the same."

The Committee request the General Association to pass the following Resolutions.

1. That we approve of the foregoing plan of agreement, and recommend to ministers and churches throughout the Commonwealth to form local Sabbath Associations according to it.

2. That we recommend to ministers in all our congregations, to preach on this subject on the last two Sabbaths in September, unless it shall have been done previously; and that within two weeks afterwards, there be an enrolment of names, in each congregation, under this general agreement, and a return of the result made by each minister to the General Agent.

3. We recommend that a General Agent be procured, whose time shall be devoted, so long as may be necessary, to superin-

tend, and carry into full effect, the proposed organization over the State.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported, that they found the same correctly cast; and besides a number of dollars due from several Associations, there are forty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents in the Treasury. They recommend that the sum of fifty cents be assessed on the members of the several District Associations for future expenses.

Voted to have a recess of ten minutes.—After the recess the Association attended to the Narratives of the State of Religion, from the several Associations, and from the Foreign Bodies represented in this, till 6 o'clock, when it was adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning—Moderator closed with prayer.

Thursday morning, 8 o'clock, the Association met agreeably to adjournment. The roll having been called, and the minutes of the preceding day having been read, the Moderator led in prayer.—Rev. Mr. Goodwin from Berkshire had leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

The Narratives suspended yesterday were resumed and concluded.

The Committee of Arrangements made further report of business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

The Committee appointed last year to correspond with the Congregational Union in Scotland, and the Congregational Board in London, reported the form of a Letter to be sent to these Bodies, which was read and recommitted to the same committee for revision, and directed to be forwarded as soon as prepared, signed by the Moderator and Secretary of the Association.

Voted, That the above named Committee be discharged from the other service to which they were appointed.

Rev. Dr. Fay, as a deputation from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, made statements, respecting the concerns of the Board, especially respecting the state of its funds; whereupon

Resolved, That the fact that fifteen missionaries of suitable character and qualifications have offered their services to the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and are now nearly ready to be sent forth to the heathen, while the debt which the Board has been obliged to contract, in maintaining its operations,' and the inadequacy of receipts for the current year, prevent the Board from sending forth reinforcements, or enlarging its operations, is a loud call in Providence for increased exertion to supply the requisite aid.

The Association heard Rev. Mr. Bullard, Agent of the Mass. Sab. School Union, on the subject of Sabbath Schools; and the following Resolution was passed, viz. This Association highly approve of the plan adopted by the Board of the Mass. Sab. Sch. Union, for the establishment of Sabbath Schools in Illinois; and it is desirable that all the Auxiliaries of this State Union should co-operate in raising the funds necessary for the accomplishment of this plan.

The Committee appointed to take minutes from the narratives on the state of religion, within our bounds, and within the bounds of the several Foreign Bodies connected with us, reported; and their report, on amendment, was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

After hearing the Rev. Mr. Brown, Agent of the American Seaman's Friend Society, in behalf of said Society, the Association adopted the following Resolution, viz.

This Association feel a deep interest in the object of the American Seaman's Friend Society, and regard its operations as having a direct and important bearing upon the conversion of the world; and they recommend a co-operation of the churches and Sabbath Schools connected with this Body.

Messrs. Wisner, Fay and the Scribe were appointed a committee to publish the Minutes of this Body.

Voted to adjourn to 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. the Association met agreeably to adjournment, and heard the Associational Sermon from Rev. Dr. Osgood, on Col. i. 28: after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to a numerous assembly of communicants—services by Rev. Messrs. Goddard, Wright and Beecher. After the religious exercises, the business of the Association was resumed.

Rev. Messrs. Horton and Wilder were excused from attendance during the remainder of the session.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to Mr. Maltby and his Church and Society, for their kindness and

liberality, in making provision for the accommodation of this Association; also to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services; and that Rev. Mr. Maltby be requested to communicate this vote.

The minutes of the meeting having been read, Voted, that they be accepted as a record of the doings of this Body.

After singing the Christian Doxology, and uniting in prayer with Rev. Mr. Perry of Bradford, the Association adjourned sine die.

JOHN CODMAN, *Moderator.*
D. OLIPHANT, *Scribe.*
G. FISHER, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association of Massachusetts in Account with Thomas Snell, Treasurer, — Cr.

June 26, 1830. By Balance in the Treasury,		$53 47
By monies received from the respective Associations, as follows:—		
Berkshire,	$10 00	
Mountain,	5 00	
Hampden,	7 00	
Brookfield,	8 00	
Worcester Central,	5 00	
Harmony,	4 00	
Middlesex Union,	5 00	
Taunton and Vicinity,	4 50	
Haverhill,	3 00	
Andover,	6 50	
Essex Middle,	6 00	
Salem and Vicinity,	7 50	
Suffolk North,	6 00	
Suffolk South,	4 00	
Norfolk,	7 50	
Old Colony,	4 00	
Pilgrim,	2 50	
Middlesex South,	4 50	
Barnstable,	3 50.....103 50	
		$156 97

Contra Dr.

Oct. 6, 1830.		
To a book for keeping records of Gen. Asso.	$3 00	
To postage on letters of correspondence,	60	
June 29, 1831. To travelling expenses of the Secretary,	7 50	
To printing Minutes, &c. for 1830,	98 00.....109 60	
Balance in the Treasury,		$47 87

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In attempting to narrate the dealings of God with the Churches in our connection, since the last meeting of this Association, we know not how to begin, or where to end. The Lord hath turned again our captivity, and we are like them that dream. He hath turned our mourning into exultation. He hath appointed unto us beauty for ashes, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. During the year 1830, the period embraced in the statistical returns which accompany this narrative, comparatively few tokens of the Divine presence and favor were granted to us. About 40 of the churches were reported at our last meeting, as more or less refreshed by the influences of the Holy Spirit; but, in most of them, the work of Divine grace was of limited extent and duration. The year closed with chilling prospects. Zion said, "the Lord hath forsaken me, and my God hath forgotten me;"—while those whose object is to discredit and oppose revivals of religion, exclaimed, "Aha! so we predicted:—so would we have it."—Had not the Lord been on our side, (now may Israel say,) had not the Lord been on our side, we had been swallowed up quick;—the proud waters had gone over our soul. But, blessed be He, who hath engraven the name of Zion upon the palms of his hands,

and who hath her walls ever before him, our fears are joyfully disappointed. With the current year, a new era in the history of the American Churches appears to have commenced. It is eminently and emphatically a "year of the right hand of the Most High." Tidings are now received from not less than a hundred churches within our limits, which fill our hearts with gladness and gratitude, and which we trust have spread joy among the angels of God; for many sinners have repented. Thousands have had their feet taken from the horrible pit and the miry clay, and set upon the rock, and a new song put into their lips, even praise unto our God. Of the results of these revivals we cannot now speak with precision and confidence; as many of them are recent, and still in progress. Yet we *can* say, "the Lord hath done *great things* for us, whereof we are glad." The fruits of the Spirit have already appeared in rich abundance. And while the work of God has been powerfully revived in the many places already alluded to, it may be said with truth, that nearly all the churches within our borders appear to be awaking to their duty and their interest. We feel confident that the time to favor our whole Zion, yea, the set time, is at hand; because God's servants generally take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

In frequent instances, the Head of the church has manifestly smiled upon the labors and sacrifices to which his people have been called, in consequence of the untoward operation of legal decisions or erroneous public sentiment; and the temple has been built in troublous times. This has been the case, for example, with the church in Framingham, and several within the limits of Middlesex Union Association.

In many instances, the seal of Divine approbation has been put on our Sabbath Schools and Bible Class-

es; and they have proved spiritual nurseries, from which numerous trees of righteousness have been transplanted into the courts of our God, to flourish and bear fruit, we trust, even to old age; to show that the Lord is upright, that he is a rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

In very many places the Temperance Reform has helped to prepare the way of the Lord and make his path straight. And where the public preaching of the Gospel, and kindred means of religious instruction and influence, have been diligently employed,—especially through several days in immediate succession,—with prayerful dependance on the spirit of power,—the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel has been fulfilled;—the mountain has become a plain,—and the living temple has gone up with shouting, "Grace, grace unto it."

From the Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Association, and represented in it, tidings of joyful import have also been received. The cause of our Divine Master is advancing, as we learn, in New Hampshire, with a firm and steady step. The people of God in that interesting portion of New England, are busily engaged in building the waste places, and raising up the foundations of many generations; and God himself is appearing for them as the great Repairer of breaches, and the Restorer of paths to dwell in.

In Vermont, it may be estimated, that not less than one fourth of the churches are now blest with the peculiar presence of the Divine Comforter.

Several animating revivals appear in the neighboring state of Rhode Island, and the cause of Temperance, which, if not identified with that of Religion, is intimately connected with it, is manifestly gaining ground.

Nearly half the churches in Connecticut, are reported as enjoying the special influence of the Holy Spirit; and his good work is still extending, silent, powerful and permanent in its character, and with almost unprecedented exemption from those admixtures of human weakness, by which opposers have sometimes been emboldened to deny the reality of his gracious operations.

In Maine also, we learn, the King of Zion is riding prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness;—his arrows are sharp in the hearts of his enemies, and the people fall under him.

From the Middle, Southern and Western States, through the medium of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, we have intelligence, if possible, still more animating and glorious. In many of their principal cities, and along the most important channels of public intercourse and influence, the power and grace of God have been conspicuously displayed. While through those multiplying, widening and deepening channels, the enemy was coming in as a flood, the Spirit of the Lord has lifted up a standard against him:—the tide of error, infidelity and licentiousness is rolling back; and we trust our land shall yet be preserved from the great and perpetual desolation, with which it has been threatened.

Among the signs of the times which encourage such an expectation, we notice, with peculiar joy, the change which has been wrought in many of our Colleges. Hundreds of young men, in a course of preparation to occupy the most conspicuous and important stations in society, have been made willing, in the day of God's power, to lay their talents and attainments at the feet of the Redeemer, and ask, with the converted pupil of Gamaliel, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Thus, while He is extending the

salutary power of the Gospel over the more elevated and influential classes of the community, He is most graciously answering the united prayer of his people, by sending forth laborers into his plenteous and whitened harvest.

In view of the facts thus summarily stated, we feel that we have abundant occasion to thank God, and take courage. The weapons of our warfare, though weak and worthless in the view of the world, are mighty through God, to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Let us then be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might: and, while we are careful to give Him all the glory of his own work, feeling that without Him we can do nothing, let us be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,

There is scarcely a more important inquiry than this, "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" How shall we live so as to turn our lives to the best account for Christ, and the interests of his kingdom in the world?

Permit us, in our present address, to make some suggestions to you on this subject.

Much is often lost to the world, because the disciples of Christ do not understand their duty:—especially because they do not understand the peculiar duties required at the particular times and places in which they live. Look back to Noah, and Abraham, and Moses; to David, and Daniel, and Nehemiah; to the Apostles of our Lord; to the Reformers of the 16th century; to the Fathers of New-England; and see what would have been the loss to the world had any of them failed to fulfil their high destiny. And scarcely less high is the destiny evidently appointed to the present generation of American Christians. The rich inheritance which they have received from their ancestors, it should be their endeavor to transmit unimpaired—even improved—to posterity. The kingdom of righteousness they are, with all their peculiar advantages, to labor to extend throughout the world. Our divine Master, you know, made but a

short visit to the earth—just sufficient to lay foundations—and left the superstructure to be reared by his disciples.

In order to fulfil the high design of your calling, brethren, we need not say that the first requisite is a love and maintainance of the truth. Error, however imperceptible its influence, hinders the transformation of the soul into the image of God. Error fashions the character after a wrong model.—"Sanctify them through thy truth," said the Saviour. And especially when the truth is extensively impugned, and set at naught,—when it has to encounter an inundation of opposing influences,—does it become its friends to rally around its standard, and show themselves warm in its support. "Hold fast the form of sound words." "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Nor is it less important, brethren, that your life be free from those blemishes by which the religion of Christ is too often brought into disrepute, and hindered in its success. We know very well that much which is said against the disciples of Christ, is not true. There are many who, in the worst sense, "eat up the sins of God's people, and set their heart on their iniquity:" and who, through their very love of beholding sin in professors of religion, charge them with immensely more than they are guilty of. Still it cannot be denied that sin does sometimes lamentably mar the character of Christ's professed disciples. And when it is allowed thus to do, immense mischiefs ensue. When a Christian is censorious, or passionate, or violates the rules of veracity; when a Christian is covetous, or dishonest, or hard and grinding in his dealings; when he is given to contention and litigation, or strifes with his brethren; when he is haughty, or manifests a vain and frivolous mind, or yields to

gross appetite, and swallows the intoxicating draught; when he is conformed to this world, and appears to have but the name of godliness without its power, and lives with little concern for the welfare of immortal souls; religion is wounded in the house of its friends, and is fearfully impeded in its attempts to bless the world. We feel, brethren, that here are some of the greatest hindrances to the success of the gospel:—the unseemly things which are sometimes witnessed in its professed friends. The sin of a single Christian often covers with confusion the whole church; brings discouragement into all their hearts; emboldens the wicked against the truth; and puts the whole cause of religion back perhaps for years. Souls die eternally as the consequence. Be entreated, then, to walk circumspectly; so that they who are of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. Let it be seen in your life that religion produces the lower virtues, as well as the higher: whatsoever is true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report: so that, in all respects, your light may shine clear and strong, and the whole influence of your movements be in concurrence with the word and Spirit of God.

And further, brethren, there is demanded of you high enterprise and activity in your Master's service. It has been a sad mistake with some, that they have been satisfied with holding the truth in speculation merely. At some periods the choicest energies of the church have been expended in fanciful and futile reasonings—"oppositions of science falsely so called"—while the salvation of the world has been forgotten. This, with some other causes, produced, and continued the dark ages. And that experiment, surely, ought to be sufficient, without being repeated, to teach effectually a better course.

And now peculiarly is that better course demanded. The present is emphatically a practical age. A spirit of stirring enterprise is abroad, the like to which has rarely been witnessed in the history of our race. The secular interests of the world have received of late a mighty impulse.

Now it becomes Christians to have a corresponding enterprise in promoting the things of their high calling. If, amidst the general rush of effort, their actions are feeble, and dilatory, and performed with a trembling hand, their influence will be overpowered and lost. They can never make themselves heard, or felt, so as to change the moral character of the world. In the great business of the Christian calling, there is now a demand for all the talent which the church possesses. In years past there has been too much of a quiet reliance on the ministry. We are willing, brethren, to "spend and be spent." But duties have so multiplied that we cannot do all. The whole body of the believing must collectively be "the salt of the earth, and the light of the world." Every member must labor in his place, the father with the son, and the mother with the daughter, and the sister with the brother, and friend with friend, and neighbor with neighbor. The different relations of life must be made productive of more high and blessed results in regard to religion. "We beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that," with a view to such results, "you present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service:" that in the great business of your calling, you "quit you like men, and be strong"—"strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

And, pursuing this course, we believe it is your duty, as well as privilege, to entertain larger faith—higher expectations—in regard to the Redeemer's kingdom.

It ought by no means to be supposed that the world —or any part of the world—has yet proved the full power and efficiency of the Christian dispensation. Even ancient prophecy uttered things which have not yet, in their full extent, been realized. "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and yoursons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth."

The Christian dispensation opened in a manner accordant with these predictions. And while the apostles lived, it acted upon the world with a mighty energy. But falling soon into feebler hands, and often careless hands, the impulse at first given was lost, and has not to this day been recovered. If the progress of the gospel in time to come shall be no more rapid than it has been for the last three centuries, more than TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS must yet elapse—something like four times the period which the world has already existed—before we shall see Christianity the universal religion, and all hearts obedient to Christ. We must, therefore, expect to see the gospel acting with increasing efficiency. We must expect to see apostolic times return to the earth. We must expect to see the character of Christians marked with immensely higher attainments than has of late usually been the case. As it is written; "He that is feeble among them at that day, shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." We must expect to see conversions to the truth take place earlier in life than has been customary: so that "from the mouths of babes and sucklings God will receive praise." We must expect conversions to take place with greater rapidity than

has been usual: looking, in this respect as well as in others, to see the Lord "make a short work on the earth." We must expect to see churches constituting a larger proportion of the community: even gathering the whole within their enclosure. We must expect that God will pour out his Spirit on all classes of the community: on our sons and on our daughters; on old men, and young men; on the servants, and handmaidens; the high and the low, the rich and the poor. All these we must expect to see coming to Christ, and conspiring together in rendering homage to his name, and doing his will. We must expect to see the illuminated portions of the earth rapidly increasing, and continuing to increase, till there shall not be a dark spot on its surface; till there shall not be a hamlet unblessed with the hopes of the gospel; till there shall not be a tongue that does not sing the praises of redeeming love. There are resources enough in the Christian dispensation to produce these results. The dispensation was designed to produce these results. And is any thing too hard for the Almighty? "Ask, and ye shall receive," says God. "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it."

Happily we see around us tendencies towards the results we desire. God is showing himself mindful of his promise. Tidings of the operations of his grace are brought to us on every wind. Numerous thousands of recently emancipated spirits, awaking to the light of life, and singing songs of deliverance, manifests the onward march of his kingdom. Let no church, at this important period of the world, and of our own country in particular, be wanting to itself, or to the interests committed to its hands. Let no individual of any church hang as a dead weight on the movements of the rest, or fail to concur with them, and lend his entire influence towards the forwarding

of God's designs. Take up every stumbling-block out of the way. Let discipline and brotherly admonition, and Christian fellowship, impart their healthful influence, and every preparation be made to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The voice, both of the dispensation under which we live, and of the events around us in the kingdom of grace, cries, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a high-way for our God. Let every valley be exalted, and every mountain and hill be made low, and the crooked be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session in June, 1831.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug. 25, 1819	63	144	207	0	5	5	5	1	0	0	11	174	40
N. Stockbridge,	Nathan Shaw,	Jan. 10, 1827	33	52	85	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	6	0	30
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	66	175	241	0	1	1	2	10	0	0	9	200	160
G. Barrington,	Sylvester Burt,	Feb. 12, 1823	51	120	171	4	6	10	1	3	0	0	13	200	60
New Marlborough,	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	62	122	184	0	2	2	5	7	0	0	22	80	0
N. Marlboro' S. P.	Erastus Clapp,	Oct. 14, 1829	24	34	58	1	2	3	1	4	1	1	2	61	11
Tyringham,	Joseph W. Dow,	July 10, 1811	64	103	167	1	3	4	2	3	0	0	4	70	0
Sandisfield,	Levi White,	June 28, 1798	90	117	207	4	1	5	1	3	0	3	10	110	40
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	59	131	190	3	0	3	1	3	1	0	9	213	19
Pittsfield,	Henry P. Tappan,	Sept. 17, 1828	166	388	554	2	4	6	4	6	0	1	13	200	40
Lanesborough,	Henry B. Hooker,	May 2, 1827	24	45	69	6	0	6	3	2	0	4	12	40	20
Williamstown,	Ralph W. Gridley,	Oct. 9, 1816	158	263	421	7	8	15	12	17	0	1	24	430	100
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	57	120	177	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	10	120	0
Lenox,	S'l Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	165	219	384	12	0	12	8	8	0	4	22	135	35
Windsor,	Gordon Dorrance,	July 1, 1795	36	73	109	0	3	3	2	0	1	1	7	142	0
Windsor, 2d P.	(Vacant.)		18	38	56										
Lee,	Alvan Hyde, D. D.	June 6, 1792	133	212	345	3	1	4	5	9	0	1	20	250	0
Dalton,	Ebenezer Jennings,	Sept. 8, 1802	28	60	88	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	10	0	0
W. Stockbridge,	Munson C. Gaylord,	Feb. 3, 1829	22	73	95	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	3	80	25
Otis,	Jonathan Lee,	June 22, 1815	51	77	128	0	4	4	3	3	0	0	14	81	14
Egremont,	Gardner Hayden,	Nov. 23, 1820	13	51	64	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	70	30
Florida,	(Vacant.)				15										
Adams,	John W. Yeomans,	Nov. 12, 1828	17	41	58	11	15	26	2	8	0	5	11	80	0
Canaan, 4 Cor. N.Y.	(Vacant.)		31	70	101	22	0	22	1	0	0	10	4	60	0
		Total.	1431	2728	4174	83	64	147	62	101	6	53	248	2846	624

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Plainfield,	Moses Hallock, David Kimball,	July 11, 1792 March 2, 1831	63	120	183				2				10	200	50
Middlefield,	Jonathan Nash,	(No report.)													
Worthington,	Jona. L. Pomeroy,	(No report.)													
Chesterfield,	Isaiah Waters,	(No report.)													
Norwich,	B. R. Woodbridge,	(No report.)													
Chester,	Saul Clark.	Nov. 11, 1829	31	144	225	41	4	45	4	12	0	11	33	190	
Cummington,	Roswell Hawkes,	1825	60	130	190	5				4			6	250	
Washington,	Caleb Knight,	Dec. 13, 1826	21	47	68						1			64	26
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	50	90	140	4	1	5	0	3			11	100	
Peru,	Joseph M. Brewster,	Dec. 22, 1824	42	72	114	4	3	7	2			5	10	190	25
Goshen,	Henry B. Holmes,	Sept. 20, 1830	21	43	69	2	2	4	1	2		1	2		
		Total	343	651	994	56	10	61	9	21	1	17	72	994	101

HAMPSHIRE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Belchertown,	L. Coleman,	Oct. 13, 1825	161	257	418	22	3	25	1	5	1	4	13	450	40 to 60
Enfield,	J. Crosby, S. G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1828	69	149	218	2	4	6	1	5	2	1	11	300	30 to 50
Deerfield, S. P.	Tertius S. Clarke,				176	3	2	5	2	3				219	
Granby, E. P.	Joseph Knight,	March 10, 1831	39	100	139		1		1	3			10	200	140 to 150
Southampton,	Vinson Gould,	August, 1801	120	220	340		1		6	4			14	400	
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale, H. B. Chapin,	Sept. 29, 1779 July 8, 1829	77	122	199				6	7			3	105	40
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	63	129	192	1			1	7			8	150	
Williamsburgh,	Henry Lord,	June 20, 1804	72	143	215	5			3			2	16	200	
Northampton,	Solomon Williams, J. S. Spence,	June 5, 1778 Sept. 11, 1823	175	427	602	24	9	33	12	13		4	53	763	
		Total	776	1547	2499	57	20	69	33	47	3	11	128	2787	

☞From several churches in this association, there were no returns.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Ashfield,	Thomas Shepard,	June 16, 1819	105	173	278	84	1	85	5	3	0	18	24	350	50
Bernardston, Or. So.	Joseph Haven,	(Supply.)	10	9	19	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	53	128	181	5	0	5	1	0	0	0	3	170	50
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	March 16, 1825	39	83	122	41	1	42	3	2	0	18	15	200	0
Colerain,	Aretas Loomis,	Aug. 4, 1829	7	46	53	5	5	10	0	0	0	4	5	70	15
Conway.	Daniel Crosby,	Jan. 31, 1827	72	178	250	3	1	4	4	4	0	0	16	420	0
Gill,			14	39	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	103	0
Greenfield, 1st Par.	Theo. Packard, / Theo. Packard, Jr.	(Supply.)	15	36	51	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	4	40	30
Greenfield, 2d Par.	Caleb S. Henry,	Jan. 21, 1829	28	68	96	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	2	140	0
Halifax, Vt.	Thomas H. Wood,	Sept. 17, 1806	32	60	92	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5	85	26
Hawley, 1st Parish,	Jonathan Grout,	Oct. 23, 1793	60	95	155	15	2	17	3	3	0	3	18	175	60
Hawley, 2d Parish,	Anson Dyer,	(Supply.)	24	41	65	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	120	15
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	76	144	220	30	0	30	3	0	0	0	15	400	0
Montague,	Moses B. Bradford,	Nov. 19, 1828	24	61	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	0
Northfield, Trin. So.	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831	15	37	52	3	1	4	1	4	1	1	5	100	0
Shelburne,	Theo. Packard, / Theo. Packard, Jr.	Feb. 20, 1799 / March 12, 1828	43	85	128	5	0	5	2	6	0	3	2	200	0
Warwick, Trin So.	Eliphalet Strong, Jr.	(Supply.)	11	26	37	6	1	7	1	1	0	3	4	70	0
		Total	628	1309	1937	203	14	217	30	29	1	51	124	2758	246

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1831			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Granville East,	Timothy M. Cooley,	Feb. 3, 1796	49	59	143	25	1	26	4			3	17	120	56
Granville Middle,	Joel Baker,	June 21, 1797	30	55	85	1	4	5	1	4	0	0	5	30	40
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 16, 1803													
Monson,	Alfred Ely,	Dec. 17, 1806	130	240	370	20	3	23	7	4	1	9	9	407	50
Springfield, 1st Par.	Sam'l Osgood, D.D.	Jan. 25, 1809	220	250	470	2	14	16	3	6	4		18	626	260
Springfield, 2d Par.	Alexander Phoenix,	April 28, 1818			52	0	1	1						84	40
Springfield Fac. Vil.															
W.Spring'd, 1st Par.	Thos. E. Vermilye,														
W. S. Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821			94			3	1	0	1				
W. S. Feeding Hills,	Hervey Smith,	Aug. 10, 1830			80					2			3	75	20
W. S. Ireland Par.	Stephen Hays,														
Southwick,	Elbridge G. Howe,	Jan. 26, 1831	18	36	54					4				70	18
L. Meadow, 1st Par.															
L. Meadow, 2d Par.	Calvin Foote,	April 15, 1831			40					2			1	100	40
Ludlow,	Ebenezer B. Wright,	Dec. 8, 1819	47	86	133	3	0	3	4	2	0	3	1	116	
Blandford,	Dorus Clarke,	Feb. 5, 1823	45	101	146		5	5	3	11			4	200	30
Montgomery,															
Wilbraham, N. P.	John Hyde,	April 23, 1828	25	60	85				1			0	1	50	
Wilbraham, S. P.	Lucius W. Clarke,	Dec. 9, 1829	34	72	106	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	4	30	20
Russe'l,															
Tolland,															
		Total	598	999	1853	51	28	82	26	34	8	20	63	1308	574

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	32	93	125	8	3	11	4	1	0	3	8		
Brookfield 1st,	Joseph J. Foote,	Oct. 25, 1826	126	244	370	6	5	11	2	9	1	2	12	276	200
Brookfield 2d,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801	10	39	49	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	1	40	
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Feb. 2, 1814	72	153	225	10	1	11	2	4	0	3	12	275	50
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	43	135	178	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	5	180	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson, / Asa Hixson,	June 22, 1786 / Oct. 7, 1829	45	89	134	6	0	6	2	3	0	0	0		
Southbridge,	Jason Park,	Dec. 18, 1816	19	43	62	4	2	6	3	2	0	2	2	81	20
Sturbridge,	Alvan Bond,	Nov. 1819	42	119	161	3	0	3	4	2	0	0	0		
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	17	94	111	1	2	3	3	4	1	1	6		
Ware 1st,	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	61	127	188	0	1	1	1	4	6	0	8	150	
Ware East,	Parsons Cooke,	May 1826	45	136	181	4	10	14	3	12	1	1	15		
Charlton,	John Wilder, Jr.,	June 5, 1827	12	52	64	3	0	3	2	0	0	1	1		
Barre,	John Storrs,	June 14, 1829	29	53	82	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	6	150	25
Hardwick,	Martin Tupper,	April 16, 1828	52	119	171	12	0	12	1	6	0	4	12	212	
Palmer,	(Vacant.)		51	109	160	6	4	10	3	1	0				
Western,	Oren Catlin,	July 1, 1829	33	88	121	2	1	3	1	4	0	0	7	80	
Petersham,	William Wolcott,	Oct. 20, 1830	20	40	60	30	2	32	0	2	0	4	7	70	30
		Total	656	1614	2270	97	38	133	34	58	20	21	102	1514	325

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1330.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Millbury,	Osgood Herrick,	1830													
Westborough,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 1808	75	179	254	58	3	61	5	1	0	19	24	296	30
Ward,	Miner G. Pratt,	Oct. 1828	54	126	180	27	3	30	1	4	0	6	22	90	
South Mendon,	(Vacant)														
Grafton,	Moses C. Searle,	Sept. 1826	31	91	122	16	0	16	2	5	0	13	7	150	
Uxbridge,	Samuel Judson,	1792	20	60	80	2	5	7	2	1	0	0	1	185	
Northbridge,	John Crane, D. D.														
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,														
Dudley,	(Vacant)														
Douglas,	David Holman,														
Sutton,	John Maltby,	June, 1826	43	100	143	18	2	20	4	1	0	5	11	180	
		Total	223	556	779	121	13	134	14	12	0	43	65	901	30

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1330.			Removals in 1830			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. School & B. Class.
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	
Oxford, 1st Soc.	Ebenezer Newhall,	Dec. 17, 1823			162	14	3	17	3	10	3	5	15	150
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812			150	15	5	20	4	2		8	16	210
Holden,	Horatio Bordwell,	Oct. 22, 1823	169	225	394	161	3	164	7	4	4	66	22	500
West Boylston,	John Boardman,	Feb. 28, 1821			170	50	10	60	10	2			15	200
Worcester Cal. Ch.	John S. C. Abbott,	Jan. 28, 1830			96	10	13	23	3	3		2	5	95
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818			200	4	1	5		1		2	13	135
Boylston,	Samuel Russell,	June 21, 1826			160	58		58				20	30	160
Worcester, 1st Soc.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			225	14	4	18						From 120 to 140
Shewsbury,	George Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823			150	8		8	2	1		1	5	135
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,					13		13	3				15	175
Paxton,	(Vacant.)													
		Total	169	225	1707	347	39	386	32	23	7	104	136	1950

WORCESTER NORTH.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Ashburnham,	George Perkins,	Feb. 25, 1824													
Fitchburg,	(Vacant.)														
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	27	85	102					2		3	4	63	25
Phillipston,	Jos. Chickering,	July 10, 1822	78	140	218	63		63	4	8		14	27	220	40
Princeton,	A. Phillips,	June 7, 1820	50	90	140	1		1	0	4			9	160	
Royalston,	E. Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	80	130	210	44	5	49	2	3	2	19	20	168	
Westminster,	C. Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	96	230	326	59	2	61	6	2	2	4	8	150	100
Winchendon,	E. L. Clark,	Oct. 18, 1820	50	110	160	2		2		5			7	110	
		Total	381	785	1156	169	7	176	12	24	4	40	75	871	165

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis	Ex.	Adults	Inf'ts.		
Harvard, Cal. Cong.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	42	94	136	6	1	7	1	4	0	3	3	150	50
Westford, Un. Ch.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	32	75	107	11	4	15	0	1	0	3	11	200	50
Groton, Union Ch.	John Todd,	Jan. 3, 1827	82	113	195	52	44	96	1	1	1			225	150
Pepperell,	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	39	107	146	18	0	18	4	0	0	11	7	225	100
Boxboro', Trin. Soc.	James R. Cushing,	Aug. 12, 1829	11	20	31	4	0	4	0	0	0		2	27	9
Townsend, Or. Soc.	Samuel Kittle,	Feb. 16, 1831	59	105	164	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	8	173	40
Ashby, Calv. Cong.	Albert B. Camp,	Jan. 27, 1827	52	91	143	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	120	
Bolton, Ev. Cong.	John W. Chickering,	April 14, 1830	21	28	49	7	6	13	0	0	0	5	11	100	80
Shirley, Ev. Cong.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	5	19	24	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	10	100	40
Dunstable,			23	48	76	3	0	3				2	2	30	30
Leominster, Ev.Con.	Phillips Payson,	Nov. 17, 1825	24	56	80	4	4	8	0	5	0	1	6	90	25
		Total	395	756	1151	113	61	174	12	17	4	25	66	1440	574

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Andover, South,	Milton Badger,	1823	80	250	330	30	7	37	3	4	4	8	18	570	300
Andover, West,	Samuel C. Jackson,	1827	39	98	137	14	5	19	4	3	0	2	14	400	100
Bedford,	Samuel Stearns,	1796	40	92	132				2				4	95	40
Billerica,	John Starkweather,	1830													
Boxford,	Isaac Briggs,														
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	1814	20	60	80	2		2	2			1	3		30
Chelmsford, Middlesex Parish,	John A. Albro,														
Concord, Trinitarian Church,	D. S. Southmayd,														
Dracut, West Par.	Sylvester G. Pierce,														
Lowell,	Amos Blanchard,														
Reading, N. Parish,	(Vacant.)														
Reading, S. Parish,	Jared Reid,	1823	60	109	169		3	3	3	2	2		9		
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	1804	37	88	125	1	1	2	2	2			12	100	
Stoneham,	Joseph Searle,	1828	29	67	96				2		2		2	120	
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	1806													
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	1831													
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett, Freegrace Raynolds, Justin Edwards, George C. Beckwith,	1822	146	261	407	21	1	22	3	4	6	11	33	300	500
		Total	451	1055	1506	68	17	85	26	15	14	22	95	1585	970

SOUTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults	Inf'ts.		
Framingham,	D. Kellogg, D. D. George Trask,	Sept. 1830			235	85		85						150	
Hopkinton,	Amos Phelps,	Sept. 1830	30	60	90	4		4	1	1				130	30
East Marlborough,	S. F. Bucklin,	1808	30	60	90	2		2	2		1			120	20
Natick,	Martin Moore,	Feb. 1814	37	78	115	5	2	7	2	5	2	2	15	100	40
East Sudbury, 2d,	Levi Smith,	Jan. 1829	8	29	37	1	2	3		1	1		2	100	20
Holliston,	Charles Fitch,	Jan. 4, 1826	49	107	156	6	3	9	1			2	1	140	
Concord, 2d,	D. S. Southmayd,	1827	24	47	71	4	1	5	2	0	1	1	4	200	
Sherburn, 2d,	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 1830	33	64	97	36	0	36				8	4	60	30
		Total	211	445	891	143	8	151	8	7	5	13	25	1050	140

ASSOCIATION OF SALEM AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Roc.	To	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Marblehead, 1st Par.	Samuel Dana,	1801	33	238	271	30	7	37	6	3	0	2	29	290	
Gloucester, 5th Par.	David Jewett,	Oct. 30, 1805	72	142	214	1	2	3	5	2	0	0	20	260	50
Salem, 3d Society,	Brown Emerson,	April, 1805	56	220	276	17	1	18	7	5	1	4	24	250	150
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 1814	38	85	123	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3		
Hamilton,	J. B. Felt,	June, 1824	16	47	63	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	85	16
Topsfield,	J. McEwen,	May, 1830	21	51	72	13	4	22	0	6	0	13	9	225	
Lynn, 1st Society,	Otis Rockwood,	July, 1818	17	54	71	1	4	5	0	1	0	0	2	100	
Danvers, 2d Society,	George Cowles,	Sept. 1827	19	93	112	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	175	50
Manchester,	Samuel M. Emerson,	Sept. 1821	35	150	185	9	2	11	1	0	0	4	5	130	
Salem, Tabernacle Society,	J. P. Cleveland,	Feb. 1827	84	349	433	20	5	25	4	1	0	4	23	300	300
Wenham,	E. P. Sperry,	March, 1820	27	58	85	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	50	
Salem, Howard St.	William Williams,	July, 1821	47	164	211	23	2	30	3	1	0	4	25	150	
Beverly, 3d Society,	D. Oliphant,	Feb. 1818	61	148	209	16	14	30	5	1	2	4	10	220	100
Orthodox Congregational Society in Anisquam, Gloucester,	Moses Sawyer,	March, 1831	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	30	30
Evangelical Church, at the Harbor, Gloucester,			2	10	12	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	6	25	
Danvers, 1st Parish,	Milton P. Braman,	April, 1826	32	82	114	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	190	30
		Total	563	1878	2441	152	41	193	35	22	4	35	190	2500	726

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc	No in B Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Boston, O. South Ch.	B. B. Wisner, D. D.	Feb. 21, 1821	102	426	528	26	9	35	4	14	2	13	28	364	350
" Bowdoin st.	L. Beecher, D. D.	1826			260										
" Green st.	W. Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	40	154	194	14	8	22	2	16	1	2	23	130	20
" Salem st.	George W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1830	52	108	160	15	6	21	2	4		8	10	130	
Charlestown, 1st,	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 22, 1820	77	294	371	43	5	53	6	9		20	13	395	150
Newton, 1st Ch.	Jon. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 13, 1782	44	123	167	1	3	4	1	10	1	1	7	100	60
	James Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827													
Newton, 2d Ch.	William Greenough,	Nov. 8, 1781			66	1			3	1	1	1	1	70	
	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1823													
Waltham, T. con. c.	Sewall Harding,	Jan. 17, 1821	15	111	126	7	3	10		3		1	4	120	
Lincoln,	Elijah Demond,	Nov. 7, 1827	20	52	72	5		5				1	11	75	25
Medford, 2d Church,	Aaron Warner,	Sept. 1, 1824	27	61	88	2		2	2	4			3		40
Cambridgeport Ev.	(Vacant.)														
Cambridge, 1st Ch.	Nehemiah Adams,	Dec. 17, 1829	16	68	84			29							
		Total.	393	1397	2116	119	34	181	20	61	5	44	105	1434	645

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Boston, Park st. Ch.	(Vacant.)		113	342	455	10	9	19		19					
" Union Ch.	Samuel Green,	March 26, 1823	82	264	346	43	11	59	2	14					
" Pine st. Ch.	(Vacant.)		34	59	93	4	7	11	1		0	2	0		
South Boston,	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	39	73	112	20	4	24	1	1	1	6	7	112	25
Dedham, 1st Ch.	Ebenezer Burgess,	March 13, 1821	54	173	227	9	2	11	4	10	0	2	13	125	100
Dedham, South Par.	Harrison G. Park,	Dec. 16, 1829	18	94	112										
Walpole, Orthodox Cong. Church,	Asahel G. Bigelow,	March 12, 1823	11	57	68	12	2	14	1	0	0	6	15	60	
West Needham, 2d Church,	Thomas Noyes,	July 10, 1799	15	55	70	1			1						
Brighton Evangelical Church,	William Adams,	Feb. 2, 1831	27	60	87								3	30	60
Mariner's Church, Boston,	Jonathan Greenleaf,	Feb. 13, 1830	10	13	23	12	2	14	0	0	0	2	2	50	
		Total	403	1190	1593	115	37	152	10	52	1	18	45	427	185

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830			Baptisms 1830		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Dorchester, 2d Ch.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	67	196	263	11		11	6	10		2	13	150	
Milton,	Samuel Giles,	Feb. 12, 1807													
Braintree, 1st,	Richard S. Storrs,	July 3, 1811	28	90	118		1	1	3	6	0		3	130	70
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	46	90	136	2	2	4	2	3			1	100	20
N. Bridgewater,	Daniel Huntington,	Oct. 28, 1812	77	133	210	19	0	19	4	0	0	10	25	300	80
Sharon, 1st Ch.	Jonathan Curtis,	Oct. 12, 1825	17	54	71	1	0	1	2			2	1	75	
Randolph, 1st,	Calvin Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	40	79	119	0	4	4	1		4		5	150	100
Braintree and Weymouth Union Ch.	Jonas Perkins,	1815	44	89	133	2	3	3			1		7	150	50
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	37	87	124	3	4	7		2		3		60	25
Weymouth, North,	Josiah Bent, Jr.	Oct. 13, 1824	51	116	167	2		2	3	4		1	5	140	30
Hanson,	F. P. Howland,	Oct. 25, 1826	10	28	38	2	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	97	32
Cohasset,	Aaron Pickett,	Nov. 1826	15	51	66	26	0	26				4	8	70	40
East Randolph,	David Brigham,	Dec. 19, 1819	24	44	68		3	3	1				4	150	50
Village Church in Dorchester,	David Sanford,	July 14, 1830	22	63	85	22	9	31				9	4	130	
Union Church in E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baolis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	21	33	59	3	3	6	1		1	1	2	80	
		Total	520	1241	1701	94	30	124	25	25	6	33	85	1872	509

ASSOCIATION OF TAUNTON AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Assonet,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 1829	7	25	32	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	5	45	40
Berkley,	Thomas Andros,	March, 1788	24	40	64	2	0	2		8	2	1	5	65	
Dighton,	Preston Cummings,	Dec. 1827	24	47	71	14	0	14	1	1	0	3	2	100	30
Fall River,	(Vacant.)*		30	92	122			4	0	2		2	7	225	100
North Middleboro',	Philip Colby,		19	60	79	3						1			75
Middleboro' 2d,	John Shaw,	July, 1819	23	53	34	1	1	2	2	2		1	4	10	20
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 1823	20	60	80				2					100	50
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,														
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,														
Taunton, Trin.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 1826	60	120	180	5	5		3			2	7	200	150
		Total	210	502	712	27	6	24	3	13	2	11	30	805	465

* Rev. ——— Fowler Pastor elect.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Edgartown,	J. H. Martyn,	1827	18	30	58	4		4	3			3	3	70	50
Dartmouth,	F. Horton,		13	37	50	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	80	0
New Bedford,	S. Holmes,		87	159	246	8	4	12	2				20	300	40
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	1823	47	124	171	4	0	0	2	0	1	1			30
New Bedford, 1st Ch	P. Seaberry,	1830	0	0	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20
Rochester, Mattapoi-sett,	S. Le Brun,	1772	35	85	120								3	125	0
" South,	O. Cobb,														
" Centre,	J. Bigelow,	1827	0	0	90	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	100	40
" North,	(Vacant.)														
Wareham,	S. Nott,	1829			148	5	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	150	100
Middleboro'	William Eaton,	1824			200	2	1	3	4	0	0	2	2	300	0
		Total	200	435	1100	24	6	25	15	2	1	6	36	1185	180

BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1831			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Marshpee,	P. Fish,		8	15	23									50	30
Yarmouth,	N. Cogswell,	1822	24	160	184	2	2	4	4				3	150	8
Falmouth,	B. Woodbury,	1824	60	177	237	13		13	6			1	11	200	200
Falmouth, 2d Ch.	(Vacant.)		30	45	75	15		15						120	150
South Dennis,	J. Sanford,	1818	9	59	68	10	2	12		1		4	2	100	30
West Barnstable,	E. Pratt,	1807	58	140	198	2	3	5	6			1	6	78	120
South Barnstable,	(Vacant.)		25	35	60	1	1							100	
North Dennis,	"		8	9	17										
Chatham,	"		20		160										
Orleans,	"				209										
Wellfleet,	"														
Sandwich,	A. Cobb,														
		Total	776	1547	1422	43	8	49	16	1		6	22	798	538

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 183			Admissions in 1830.			Removals in 1830.			Baptisms 1830.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Plympton, 1st Par.	Elijah Dexter,	Jan. 18, 1809	23	73	96	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3		
Plymouth, 2d Par.	Joshua Barrett,	Jan. 11, 1826	16	45	61	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	120	50
Plymouth, 3d Par.	Frederick Freeman,	Nov. 3, 1824	29	95	124	37	6	43	3	6	0	24	13	150	250
Carver,	Plummer Chase,	Oct. 15, 1828	25	55	80	5	1	6	1	0	0	2	0	115	50
Hanover,	Ethan Smith.	May 16, 1827			83			3	2		1		2	60	60
Kingston, Evan. Ch.	Joseph Powers,	June 15, 1831	8	20	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20
		Total	101	288	477	47	8	58	7	6	1	27	20	475	430

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 18			Admissions in 18.			Removals.			Baptisms.		No in	No. in	Remarks on the general state of religion in the parish.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis	Ex	Adults	Inf'ts.	Sab.Sc.	B class	

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association, at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

MINUTES

OF THE

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AT THEIR SESSION

IN NORTHAMPTON, JUNE, 1832.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled at Northampton, in the meeting-house of the Rev. Solomon Williams, on Tuesday, June 26, 1832, at five o'clock, P. M.—and was called to order, agreeably to the rules of the association, by Rev. Mr. Williams.

The Rev. Joseph Chickering was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Parsons Cooke, Scribe, and Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Assistant Scribe.

It appeared by certificates that of those who had been duly appointed as delegates to this body at this meeting, the following persons were present, from

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Samuel Shepard, D. D. Rev. John W. Yeomans.
Mountain Association,	Rev. Saul Clark, Rev. Henry B. Holmes.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Aretas Loomis.
Hampshire Central Association,	Rev. Payson Williston, Rev. Tertius S. Clark.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Dorus Clark, Rev. Hervy Smith.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. John Wilder, Rev. Martyn Tupper.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Miner G. Pratt.
Worcester Central Association,	Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Rev. John Nelson.
Worcester North Association,	Rev. Joseph Chickering, Rev. Eber L. Clark.
Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. John W. Chickering, Rev. John Todd.

Middlesex South Association,	Rev. Martin Moore, Rev. D. S. Southmayd.
Andover Association,	Rev. Joseph Bennet, Rev. Francis Norwood.
Haverhill Association,	Rev. Samuel H. Peckham.
Essex Middle Association,	Rev. Daniel Fitz, Rev. Willard Holbrook.
Salem and Vicinity Association,	Rev. Milton P. Braman, Rev. George Cowles.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Lyman Gilbert, Rev. James Bates.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Thomas Noyes.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Ebenezer Gay, Rev. Aaron Pickett.
Taunton and Vicinity Association,	Rev. Stetson Raymond, Rev. Orin Fowler.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Pardon G. Seabury.
Barnstable Association,	None.
Pilgrim Asoociation,	Rev. Mr. Barret, Rev. F. P. Howland.
Mass. Miss. Society,	Rev. John Todd, Rev. Parsons Cooke.
General Assembly Presb.	Rev. Eli F. Cooley, Rev. David Mayer.
General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Anson Rood, Rev. Joel Mann.
General Convention of Vt.	None.
General Association of New Hampshire,	Rev. Ebenezer Colman, Rev. Salmon Bennet.
General Conference of Me.	None.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,	Rev. Asa T. Hopkins.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. Secretary of the body, and Rev. Solomon Williams, pastor of the church in Northampton, ex-officio, members. Rev. Messrs. Vaill and Boardman, ex-officio, honorary members.

The Rules of the Association having been read, the Moderator led the meeting in prayer.

The Rev. Drs. Shepard and Snell, and Rev. Mr. Nelson, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Snell, Rev. Messrs. Moore and Wilder, a Committee of Nominations.

Voted, To hold prayer-meetings Wednesday and Thursday morning, at five o'clock, at the Town Hall.

Rev. Messrs. Nelson, Bennet and Loomis were appointed a Committee to nominate delegates to foreign bodies.

Rev. Messrs. Gay and S. Clark were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Rev. Messrs. Todd, Hopkins, Coleman, Seabury, and Vaill were appointed a Committee to take minutes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Voted, That information be obtained by the publishing committee, as far as practicable, respecting the time and place of the meeting of foreign bodies, and appended to the published minutes of this body.

Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Barret and Dexter were appointed a Committee to prepare a pastoral address for the next year.

Messrs. Crocker & Brewster were appointed Agents in Boston for this body.

Rev. Messrs. Gilbert, Adams, Moore and Abbot were appointed a Publishing Committee.

The person appointed to preach before the Massachusetts Missionary Society having failed, and his substitute having failed, Rev. Mr. Todd was appointed to perform that duty.

Voted, To adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Wednesday morning, eight o'clock. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer.

The Committee of Arrangements made a report in part, which was accepted.

Voted, That the names of the honorary members who may now and hereafter, be present at the meetings of this body, have their names inserted in the minutes.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler and Southmayd were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for supplying this body with the minutes of the General Assembly.

The subject of the correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies in England and Scotland was taken up. Messrs. Vaill, Wilder and Fowler were appointed a Committee to report respecting

correspondence with the Congregational Union of Ministers in England and Wales.

Rev. Mr. Leavitt, Agent of the Seamen's Friend Society, was heard in respect to the claims of that institution.

The Committee appointed for that purpose nominated the following persons as delegates to the foreign bodies:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (at Philadelphia, 3d Thursday in May,) Rev. George Allen, Rev. Leonard Withington, primaries; Rev. E. Pratt, Rev. Parsons Cooke, substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut, (at Brooklyn, 3d Tuesday in June, 1833,) Rev. William Eaton, Rev. Dudley Phelps, primaries; Rev. Samuel Sewall, Rev. Joshua Barrett, substitutes.

To the General Association of New Hampshire, (at Amherst, 1st Tuesday in September, 1832,) Rev. Mr. Perkins, Rev. Mr. Wright, primaries; Rev. Wales Tileston, Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont, (at Middlebury, 2d Tuesday in September, 1832,) Rev. John Todd, Rev. Sylvester Holmes, primaries; Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Rev. D. S. Southmayd, substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, (at Bristol, 2d Tuesday in June, 1833,) Rev. Moses Hallock, Rev. Samuel C. Johnson, primaries; Rev. L. Coleman, Rev. John Maltby, substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. G. W. Blagden, Rev. Erastus Maltby, primaries; Rev. Ebenezer Burgess, Rev. Samuel Gile, substitutes.

Voted, That the stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be requested to forward two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of that body to Messrs. Crocker & Brewster, of Boston, to be distributed by them in the same manner as our own minutes.

Rev. Dr. Edwards, Agent of the American Temperance Society, was heard in behalf of the objects of that society.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

As the use of ardent spirits is not only needless, but hurtful, as it tends to form intemperate appetites and habits—and while it is continued, the evils of intemperance can never be done away—as it causes a great proportion of the pauperism, crimes and wretchedness of the community—increases the number, frequency and violence of diseases—deprives many of reason,

and brings down multitudes to an untimely grave—as it tends to produce in the children of those who use it, a predisposition to intemperance, insanity and various diseases, and to cause a universal deterioration of both body and mind—as it tends to prevent the efficacy of the gospel, and all the means which God has provided for the moral and spiritual illumination and purification of men, and thus to ruin them for both worlds—Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Association, the traffic in ardent spirit as a drink is an *immorality*, and ought to be viewed and treated as such throughout the world.

Resolved, 2. That this immorality is utterly inconsistent with a profession of the Christian religion, and that those who have had the means of understanding its nature and effects, and yet continue to be engaged in it, ought not to be admitted as members of Christian churches.

Resolved, 3. That in our view those members of Christian churches who continue to be engaged in the traffic in ardent spirits, as a drink, are violating the principles and requirements of the Christian religion.

The Committee appointed to report respecting correspondence with the Congregational Union of England and Wales, reported, that a Committee of three be chosen to open a correspondence with the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Accepted.

Rev. Drs. Snell and Shepard and Rev. Mr. Nelson were chosen as this Committee.

In relation to the objects of the Seamen's Friend Society, it was

Resolved 1. That this Association are much impressed with the importance of promoting the conversion of seamen to God.

Resolved 2. That the foreign seamen's missions of the American Seamen's Friend Society, be cordially recommended to the support of the churches.

Resolved 3. That we approve the designation of the third Monday in every month for a concert of prayer in behalf of seamen, and that it be recommended to the friends of seamen to observe the day as far as convenient.

After recess. Voted, As the understanding of this body, that all the churches within the limits of each district association, are to be reported by the several delegates; that said delegates are not under obligation to pay the annual tax, except in case the pastors of those churches have united with the Association.

The pastoral letter was presented and approved, and placed in the hands of the publishing committee.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Codman, delegate to the General Assembly.

Voted, That the first Monday in January, 1833, be recommended to be observed, by the churches in connection with this body, as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world.

Voted to adjourn to meet at two o'clock.

Met according to adjournment, and attended to the narratives of the state of religion.

Messrs. Holbrook and Hopkins obtained leave of absence.

Voted to adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. The roll was called and the meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Messrs. Raymond, Fowler and Barrett obtained leave of absence.

Voted, That the next meeting of the General Association be in Dr. Codman's meeting-house, in Dorchester, in the limits of the Norfolk Association.

Voted, That the Brookfield Association appoint the preacher for the next year.

Voted, That whereas the 19th day of July next has been designated by several bodies of Christians in New York and Connecticut, as a day of fasting and prayer that God would be graciously pleased to preserve our country from the ravages of the Asiatic Cholera, therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches in connection with this body, to humble themselves before God for their sins and the sins of the land, and beseech him to spare the people.

Resolved, That this Association affectionately invite all Christians of other religious denominations in this state to unite with the churches in our connection in the observance of that occasion.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to cause a copy of these resolutions to be published in the Boston Recorder, Lowell Observer, and Springfield Gazette, for the public information.

Voted, That Messrs. Cooley and Mayer have leave of absence.

The Committee to open a correspondence with the Congregational Union of England and Wales, presented a letter to be sent to that body, which was read and accepted.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's accounts are correctly cast; and that there is a balance on hand of $32 42. The Committee recommend that an assessment of fifty cents be made as usual on each member of the several Associations, to defray the ordinary expenses of this body; and that the Treasurer be authorised to purchase a trunk in which the records and papers of this body may be kept.

Resolved, That the Association having listened with interest to the remarks of Rev. Mr. Kent, from Illinois, respecting the spiritual wants and the political and moral importance of that portion of our country, recommend this subject to the increasing patronage and the fervent prayers of the churches, and that they will offer all proper encouragements to pious emigrants from among us, to settle in that quarter.

The Secretary and Mr. Saul Clark were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the administration of the Lord's supper in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Noyes obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Messrs. Coleman and Bennet obtained leave of absence after this forenoon.

Rev. Mr. Danforth was heard in behalf of the objects of the American Colonization Society.

After his remarks it was resolved, That the Association are deeply impressed with the high importance of the objects and claims of the American Colonization Society, as it regards the suppression of the slave trade on the coast of Africa—the extension of the lights of liberty and Christianity over that vast continent, and the exemption of our own country from the evils of slavery; and, therefore, that this body earnestly recommend that philanthropic institution to the more fervent prayers, and more efficient patronage, of the Christian public.

The narrative of the state of religion was read and accepted, and committed to the publishing committee.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the Church and Society in this place, for their kindness and liberality, in making provisions for the accommodation of this body, and also the choir of singers for their services; and that the Rev. Mr. Williams be requested to communicate this vote.

Voted to adjourn till two o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P M. Met according to adjournment. Heard a sermon by Rev. Mr. Phelps, from 1 Corinthians, ix. 12. "Lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ;" and partook of the sacrament.

Voted, That the foregoing be received as the true minutes of the Association.

The Association was closed by prayer.

REV. JOSEPH CHICKERING, *Moderator.*
PARSONS COOKE, *Scribe.*
JOHN S. C. ABBOTT, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association of Massachusetts in account with Thomas Snell, Treasurer.

			Cr.
June 30, 1831.	By Balance in the Treasury,		$47 87
July 30.	By tax of Franklin Association,		5 00
June 27, 1832.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:		
	Berkshire,	$9 00	
	Mountain,	3 50	
	Franklin,	4 00	
	Hampshire,	9 00	
	Hampden,	7 00	
	Brookfield,	6 50	
	Harmony,	3 00	
	Worcester Central,	4 00	
	Worcester North,	3 50	
	Middlesex Union,	4 50	
	Middlesex South,	3 50	
	Andover,	5 50	
	Haverhill,	2 00	
	Essex Middle,	6 00	
	Salem and Vicinity,	7 00	
	Suffolk North,	6 00	
	Suffolk South,	4 00	
	Norfolk,	7 50	
	Taunton and Vicinity,	4 50	
	Old Colony,	3 50	
	Pilgrim,	3 50	159 87

Contra Dr.

July 7, 1831.		
To the excess of outstanding accounts above what they had been estimated,	$8 63	
To postage on letters,	32	
To travelling expenses of the Secretary,	3 50	
To outstanding account, estimated at	115 00	127 45
Balance in the Treasury,		$32 42

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

The above account we have examined, and have found the same correctly kept and cast, and properly vouched.

EBENEZER GAY, } *Auditing Committee.*
SAMUEL CLARK, }

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

INSTEAD of narrating all or even a small part of the merciful dealings of God towards the churches of this commonwealth, during the past year, we can do little more than to call upon these favored churches to unite in ascribing salvation to the Lamb. From every part of the state the report came by the messengers of the churches, that God the Redeemer has been in the midst of them during the past year; and that almost every daughter of Zion has been made willing in this day of his power, and has gone out to meet her king, clad in the garments of salvation.

Had not the light of prophecy been always shed upon the pathway of the church of God, teaching us to expect the day when the light of the moon should be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun seven-fold, as the light of seven days, we should have looked with unaffected amazement upon the glory which has been shed upon these churches during the past year.

There is not an Association, within our limits, which has not had more or less of the special presence of God, causing revivals of religion, since our last meeting. The almost uniform testimony of the Delegates from every association is, that they have been blessed with revivals of religion during the past season, not only beyond all former example, but beyond their faith, and very far beyond their faithfulness. In some cases every church in the Association has rejoiced under the visits of the Holy Spirit—in others more than half, and in no instance has God passed over an Association entirely. If there is any thing peculiar in these revivals, besides their unparalleled extent, it is that they are powerful beyond example. They take not only the young, and those who have not hardened under the cares of this world, but also the man of business, the active, stirring devotee of this world. In many cases those who were occupying, or

preparing to occupy places of high responsibility and influence, have been led to consecrate themselves to Christ. Probably in no one year has there ever been so much talent, and influence, and activity brought into the church, as during the past year. This has been owing primarily to the great mercy of God, of course, and secondarily, to the fact that the gospel has been preached with a directness of appeal, and a warm application; and especially, that the community has been brought under the pressure of truth for days together. By protracted meetings, most of the community have had the character of God, and the extent and purity of his law, and the obligations of the creature, held up day after day, till multitudes of the hardest hearts have yielded to the strivings of the Holy Ghost, as he accompanied the exhibition of truth. The ministers of Christ, we believe, have not spared themselves, and many have added lustre to that crown of glory which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give in the day of his appearing. In most cases, the power of the gospel has been such as to cause error to retire, and to shut the mouths of the wicked. It is almost an anomaly in the history of the church to have such inroads made upon the territories of satan, without having him come down with greater wrath. He seems to have been chained, while the Saviour has been leading captives out of his prison by hundreds. The watchmen upon the walls of Jerusalem have, for the most part, seen eye to eye, and have had no other aim but to link their destiny with that of the new-born souls, who, all around them, are singing the song of redeeming love.

We rejoice to learn that the system of Sabbath-school instruction is continued in every church with untiring zeal, and with blessed results. In very many cases, these schools and the Bible classes, have been the instrument of beginning and continuing powerful revivals of religion. Many whole congregations have been organized into a Sabbath school: and if this might once become the plan of every congregation, it would, by many degrees, add to the strength of Zion, and by many years, roll on the latter-day glory. Many of the most beautiful and promising trees which now adorn the garden of God, were transplanted from these nurseries of the church. God grant, that the first direction to the penitent Peter—"feed my lambs"—may be engraven on the heart of every minister of Christ.

We rejoice also that many Associations and churches have begun the great work of rescuing the Sabbath from desecration. Scarcely anything has been more cheering to our hearts than

this. The Sabbath is the sheet-anchor of the world; and we cannot but be cheered by any tokens that the churches are about to shake off their slumbers on this subject, and by example, and by precept, tell the world that God hath consecrated that day for himself, and it must not be violated. There is a great work to be done in regard to this subject; and blessed will that day be, when the proper instrument shall enter upon it.

We are glad to say too, that the benevolence of our churches is increasing, as their spiritual mercies increase. The great work of converting the world begins to be understood, and to lie upon the hearts of the people of God. The feeble churches in Massachusetts are sustained, and are growing in every grace and hope. The cause of foreign missions, of the ministry of reconciliation, and of all the means of spreading the gospel of Jesus, is growing more and more dear to our churches. And it is hoped the day is not far distant when the Christians of Massachusetts will learn by happy experience the blessedness of holding their property entirely at the disposal of Christ.

The Theological Seminary at Andover was never so rich in the number of pupils, and, we believe, never gave fairer promise of cultivating the missionary spirit, than now.

Our colleges are prosperous. And although Amherst has been so deeply laden with debt as to be in danger of sinking, yet we rejoice to see that she will ride over the billows, and still carry the flag of truth, with no appearance of weakness.

A bright page, which we have heard read at this meeting, is that which relates to the cause of temperance. About eighty churches in this commonwealth have no member in them, who traffics in ardent spirit. In every part of the state the tide of public sentiment is rising fast, and strong on this subject. And it is the growing, and probably the prevailing opinion of the evangelical churches of Massachusetts, that the immorality of the traffic in ardent spirit is so great, that no church can be guiltless, who permits one of her members to sell this chief agent of ruin. We do hope and pray, that at our next meeting, we may hear that there is not a professor of the religion of Christ in the state, who, for the pitiful gains of the trade, will destroy their fellow-men.

The past year has been a season of blessings to all parts of this nation. In the Presbyterian church God has shewn wonders. Full seven hundred congregations have been blessed with a revival during the past year, and many thousands hopefully brought into the kingdom of God. The windows of heaven

have been opened wide upon these churches, and the people of New England rejoice in all their prosperity. The tree of Peace which has long shaded that part of Zion has been somewhat shaken by the weakness of human passion; but its roots have taken deeper hold, and it has been proved to have been planted by the hand of God.

Connecticut has also been distinguished for the presence of God. More than one hundred churches have been blessed with revivals of religion in that state. Yale College has been richly blessed with the presence of God, and the tokens of his favor. Her friends are coming forward to her aid, and we rejoice in the hope that the streams which she is yet to send forth will gladden the cities of God.

One half of the consociated churches in Rhode-Island, have been revived the last year. And our sister there, is rising in strength, and power, and is increasing in favor with God and man. It is stated that between sixty and seventy per cent of all the children of that state are in the Sabbath School; and another generation will see the desolations of Zion there, healed and beautified.

The churches in New Hampshire have been signally blessed. The harmony, the zeal, and the labors of the ministers of Christ there, are well known. The great Head of the Church hath owned them. Over sixty churches have experienced a revival of religion during the past year.

In view of the past mercies of God, we desire to give glory to his name. We ought to be humbled. We know not what is before us. We know not whether God hath thus visited these churches, that he might sanctify these multitudes, and thus prepare them to fall by the plague, which is already at our door, or, whether he is to spare us to serve him. We know not whether we are to be left to the plague of the heart, to bite and devour one another, or to fall away in apathy; but one thing we do know, and that is, that the churches of Massachusetts now stand on higher and holier ground than ever before, and if they will be faithful, glorious things are before them. And while this Association salutes them with the deepest interest, we ask that all who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ, would now fall down and give glory to his name, and consecrate themselves anew to him.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Beloved in the Lord,

You will permit the General Association of Massachusetts to give you a word of exhortation and advice, adapted to the existing circumstances of the churches.

We, who are placed over you in the Lord, feel a tender solicitude for your spiritual prosperity. Our interest and prosperity are identified with yours. We rejoice in all your joys and are afflicted with all your sorrows. We have no greater joy than to see those who are under our pastoral care, walking in the truth. We desire not to be "lords over God's heritage;" but to be "helpers of your joy." We wish on the present occasion, to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. You will, therefore, listen with candor, and receive with kindness what we have to suggest. You will permit us, dear brethren, in the first place to say to you,

Be humble. Humility is one of the first of the Christian graces. It has not, indeed, so much of the praise of men as some others; but it is in the sight of God of great price. God commended the humility of the publican in preference to the pride of the Pharisee. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted; but he that exalteth himself shall be abased." Brethren, these declarations of divine truth should ever be deeply impressed upon your minds. Let your hearts be imbued with this Spirit. It is the Spirit of him, who, "being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus the Lord."

2. *Be watchful.* You have foes without and foes within. Without are fightings and within are fears. Within you have evil hearts of unbelief, that depart from the living God. Without is the world with all its deceitful charms and alluring vanities, and "your adversary, the devil, who, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." You are in an enemy's country, who is exceedingly vigilant. He is constantly seeking opportunities to destroy. Surrounded by so many dangers, how can you sleep? You know that according to the laws of war, it is death for a centinel to sleep upon his post, and can you sleep with safety? No. It is at your peril that you sleep. Our caution to you, brethren, is, *Watch.*

3. *Be prayerful.* "Watch unto prayer." "Watch and pray." Prayer must be united with watchfulness. After you have used the utmost watchfulness of which you are capable, you have still need of divine protection. All your help must come from God. It is your privilege to go to the throne of grace. You "have not an High Priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of your infirmities; but one who was in all points tempted, like as you are." You should, therefore, come to the throne of grace to obtain help in times of need. There is no portion of time that is not a time of need. You must pray always, "pray without ceasing." Prayer is the Christian's breath. Prayer is the golden key that opens the gate of Paradise. This key you must use. You must be continually at the throne of grace. Maintain secret prayer. This is the life of true devotion. Neglect not to pray in your families. Offer the morning and evening sacrifice upon the family altar. Punctually attend the monthly Concerts. These are holy consecrated seasons, the return of which every Christian should hail with joy and delight. Wrestle in prayer with him with whom there is the residue of the Spirit for the speedy conversion of the world.

4. *Be circumspect in your conduct.* Christ is often wounded in the house of his friends. These are the most grievous wounds that he receives. The enemy triumphs when the professed followers of the Redeemer fall into sin. They cry, "ah ha! so would we have it." Take heed to your ways, that you sin not with your tongue; that you sin not in your conduct. Shun every appearance of evil. Be careful to maintain good works. Ye are the light of the world, a city set on an hill that cannot be hid. So let your light shine before men, that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father who is in heaven.

5. *Be courageous.* Christian courage is a very essential qualification in a soldier of the cross. Satan has many strong holds in this rebellious world, that must be attacked and carried at the point of the sword. There are, at this day, many Goliaths of Gath, who defy the armies of the living God. These must be met in the name of the Lord of hosts, vanquished and despoiled of the armor wherein they trust. You must be valiant for the truth, "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." You must not have that fear which says, "there is a lion in the way—there is a lion in the streets." You must be courageous and play the man. More and mightier are they that are for you than they that be against you. The times in which you live call upon you to be decided. A conflict is going on between sin and holiness, light and darkness. The trumpet is waxing louder and louder, and the contest is becoming warmer and warmer. Your watch-word must be "*onward.*" Fight the good fight, finish your course, keep the faith. Be ye faithful until death and ye shall receive a crown of life.

6. *Be active.* This is no time to slumber. The Church has slumbered long enough. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Now, therefore, "it is high time to awake out of sleep." What! at such a day as this, shall the children of the day slumber on? Shall not the rattling wheels of the conqueror's car awake you? You must come up to the help of the Lord, "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." No individual can excuse himself from duty. You have enlisted under the banner of the cross and you must never desert your standard.

When that distinguished naval commander, Lord Nelson, was going into the battle of Trafalgar, he caused a signal to be hoisted at the mast-head, containing this short sentence, "*England expects every man to do his duty.*" This signal was received by the sailors with shouts of applause, and onward they rushed to victory or to death. And does not the great Captain of our salvation, at this day, expect every one of his soldiers to do their duty? You must labor with all your might for the conversion of the world. You have much work that you may do in your own families, in your neighborhoods and towns where you are located. You should have continual anxiety for the conversion of souls.

It is related of the congregation at Cambridge, under their first minister, Shepard, that the inquiry always was, when people returned from public worship on the Sabbath, "Upon whose heart has the word of God taken effect to-day?" From Sabbath

to Sabbath let the same anxiety be awakened in your bosoms. Be solicitous to find anxious souls. When you have found them, bring them to the inquiry meeting. Stay up the hands of your pastor. Brethren, strive as a body together with your pastors to bring souls to Jesus.

Such are some of the most important duties that the assembled Pastors of the General Association wish to urge upon the churches under their care. And now, dear brethren, will you perform them? We repeat the question, *will you perform them?* You are under the most sacred obligation to do them. You have been bought with a price, not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the price of blood. Ye are not your own. Glorify God with your bodies and your spirits. You who are indeed the children of God, have not merely been purchased with blood; but you have been sanctified by his Spirit. He has convinced you of your sinfulness, and led you to behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and in sins." Now why has he done this, except that you may labor for him? You are to grace a debtor, and will you not pay the debt you owe?

The times in which you live call upon you to perform the duties that we have urged. During the past year, our churches have been visited with more powerful revivals, than at any former period of their history. The captivity of Zion has been turned back as streams of the south. We are like them that dream. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Shall we not render unto the Lord according to all his benefits towards us? Shall we not be humble, watchful, prayerful, circumspect, courageous and active? Who will refuse to do these things? Or, rather, in such a day as this, who can avoid doing them? Is there a single brother or a single sister, in all our churches, who will keep back from the work? If there be; cease to call yourselves by the Christian name. Break away from the fold of Christ, and go with the world, where you belong. Be no longer clothed with the livery of Christ. Go to your own company. The judgments of God are abroad in the earth. His people should learn righteousness. The cholera, that pestilence which walketh in darkness, that destruction that wasteth at noon-day, has crossed the Atlantic, and made its appearance on this Western Continent. How far it will extend, and who will fall victims to this fell destroyer, is known only to him who says to the ocean, thus far shalt thou come and no farther. Here shall thy proud wave be stayed.

It may be that judgment will first begin at the house of God. The past year was a "year of the right hand of the Most High." It was a year of mercies. We have not rendered unto the Lord according to all his benefits. "We sang the praises of the Most High; but have soon forgotten his works." God may now visit us with his swift judgments. Shall we not hear, and fear, and do no more wickedly? If every one of us repent of our sins and cry mightily to God, who can tell, if the Lord will turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? A timely repentance once saved a great city, that was devoted to destruction; and may it not save a nation from the destroying angel, who has already received his commission to go forth to the work of slaughter?

Dearly beloved, whatever God is about to do with this guilty nation, your hope is in your God. He will do all things well. If he sees fit to send judgments, he will correct us in mercy. Our punishment will be less than our sins deserve.

Brethren, time is short. What you do, do quickly. Whether you shall fall victims to the cholera or not, you will soon stand before the Son of man. It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is your salvation nearer than when you believed. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Walk as children of the day." Blessed and happy are those servants, whom, when their Lord cometh, he shall find so doing. Then will you hear the approving plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session in June, 1832.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Int'ts.		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug. 25, 1819	74	161	235	29	1	30	2	0	0	14	17	230	40
W. Stockbridge,			31	49	80	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	30	0
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	78	212	290	51	8	59	5	9	0	23	18	299	201
G. Barrington,	Sylvester Burt,	Feb. 12, 1823	66	155	221	60	5	65	4	11	0	21	17	292	20
N. Marlborough,	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	64	134	198	15	6	21	0	7	0	5	13	75	40
N. Marlboro', S. P.	Erastus Clapp,	Oct. 14, 1829	20	46	66	15	0	15	1	6	0	5	3	62	20
Tyringham,	Joseph W. Dow,	July 10, 1811	61	99	160	14	0	14	3	16	2	5	8	60	0
Sandisfield,			97	132	229	24	1	25	0	3	0	3	3	119	0
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	57	106	163	2	0	2	2	14	0	2	16	200	20
Pittsfield,	John W. Yeomans,	March 7, 1832	175	414	589	47	14	61	10	16	0	18	23	400	80
Lanesborough,	Henry B. Hooker,	May 2, 1827	36	66	102	38	3	41	4	4	1	23	14	40	30
Williamstown,	Ralph W. Gridley,	Oct. 9, 1816	208	323	531	105	9	114	4	15	0	44	19	423	100
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	59	124	183	9	2	11	7	5	0	4	2	100	20
Lenox,	S'l Shephard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	160	215	375	9	2	11	8	12	0	1	19	190	30
Peru,	Joseph M. Brewster,	Dec. 22, 1824	75	115	190	32	5	37	2	2	0	28	17	170	25
Windsor,	Gordon Dorrance,	July 1, 1795	41	88	129	31	5	36	4	11	0	13	15	210	0
Windsor, 2d P.			13	24	37	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	
Lee,	Alvin Hyde, D. D.	June 6, 1792	140	235	375	39	6	45	4	11	0	14	18	300	80
Dalton,	Ebenezer Jennings,	Sept. 8, 1802	28	60	88	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
W. Stockbridge,	Munson C. Gaylord,	Feb. 3, 1829	21	73	94	2	0	2	4	1	0	1	1	75	20
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	52	101	153	15	3	18	2	10	0	5	14	140	0
Otis,	Rufus Pomeroy,	Feb. 15, 1832	48	76	124	6	3	9	2	5	0	3	8	51	10
Egremont,			24	46	70	29	1	30	2	24	0	12	10	70	0
Adams,			29	79	108	31	26	57	1	4	0	0	4	50	18
Mount Washington,			7	15	22										
Canaan, 4 Cor. N. Y.	Cyrus Hudson,	March 2, 1831	37	83	120	4	17	21	4	9	0	10	3	100	25
		Total.	1701	3231	4932	661	117	778	82	201	3	255	266	3686	779

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Plainfield,															
Middlefield,	Jonathan Nash,	Oct. 31, 1792	24	53	77	46		46	1	3		19	3		
Worthington,															
Chesterfield,	No minister.		23	37	110					4			5	90	
Norwich,	(Vacant.)														
Chester,	Saul Clarke,	Nov. 11, 1829	81	144	225	11		11	2	9		4	15	138	30
Cummington,															
Washington,	Caleb Knight,	Dec. 13, 1826	20	51	71	4	1	5		1		2	5	65	
Goshen,	Henry B. Holman,	Sept. 20, 1830	27	69	98	25	7	32	2	4		7	2	185	
		Total.	175	404	581	86	8	94	5	21		32	30	523	30

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Millbury,	Osgood Herrick,	1830													
Westborough,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 1803	72	180	252	10	1	11	4	8	1	2	8	290	45
South Mendon,	(Vacant.)														
North Mendon,	John M. S. Perry,	Nov. 1831	17	42	60	20	2	22	1	2			9	40	25
Grafton,	Moses C. Searle,	Sept. 1826													
Uxbridge,	Samuel Judson,	1792	75	125	200	61									
Northbridge,	John Crane, D. D.														
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	1796	70	122	192	10	2	12	1	2		6	10	60	160
Douglas,	David Holman,														
Sutton,	John Maltby,	June 1826	66	151	217	33	2	35	4	7		50	11	230	8
Ward,	Miner G. Pratt,	Oct. 1828	71	143	219	37	2	39	1	2	1	13	9	80	20
		Total.	371	768	1140	221	9	169	11	21	2	71	47	700	258

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Ashfield,	Thomas Shephard,	June 16, 1819	108	190	298	39	5	44	4	15	0	13	7	300	0
Bernardston, Or. So.	Theo. Packard, Jr.	(Supply.)	12	16	28	8	1	9	1	0	0	1	2	13	8
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	67	136	203	27	0	27	5	0	0	6	2	220	20
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	March16, 1825	45	91	136	24	0	24	1	7	0	6	5	Most of As'ly.	0
Colerain,	Aretas Loomis,	Aug. 4, 1829	22	79	101	43	6	49	2	3	0	27	8	120	0
Conway,	Daniel Crosby,	Jan. 31, 1827	93	209	302	67	4	71	4	8	2	22	18	420	0
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	(Supply.)	13	36	49			4	2	1					
Greenfield, 1st Par.		(Vacant.)	16	38	54	4	1	5	1	1		0	0	50	0
Greenfield, 2d Par.		(Vacant.)	23	78	107	13	3	16	0	5		1	3	100	60
Halifax, Vt.	Thomas H. Wood,	Sept. 17, 1806	45	76	121	32	2	34	4	0		4	8	110	50
Hawley, 1st Par.	Jonathan Grout,	Oct. 23, 1793	106	141	247	92	2	94	4	2		18	20	175	60
Hawley. 2d Par.	Anson Dyer,	(Supply.)	29	43	72	13	2	15	0	0		2	4	150	15
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	106	203	316	65	2	67	3	5		12	10	400	0
Montague,	Alvah C. Page,	(Supply.)	29	77	106	22	2	24	2	1		2	14	80	20
Northfield, Trin. So.	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831	15	41	56	1	4	5	2	0		0	5	50	15
Shelburne,	The. Packard, D.D.	Feb. 20, 1779	72	133	205	30	1	31	2	0		12	8	200	100
	The. Packard, Jr.	March12, 1828													
Warwick, Trin. So.	Job Cushman,	(Supply.)	12	27	39	4	1	5	2	1		5	2	60	0
Wendell,	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	60	90	150	7	0	7	2	3		1	5	145	40-
		Total.	878	1709	2590	541	36	581	41	52	2	132	121	2593	383

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
North Brookfield,	Thomas Trull, D. D.	June 27, 1798	46	119	165	37	2	39	1	2	0	17	17	230	
Brookfield 1st,	(Vacant.)				364	4	1	5	0	11		0	9	250	
Brookfield 2d,	Micah Stone,	March11, 1801	20	40	60	16	1	17		2	4	6	2	40	
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Feb. 2, 1814	88	182	270	51	3	54	1	7	0	18	26	250	
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	46	137	183	14	0	14	4	0	1	9	4	278	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson, / Asa Hixson,	June 22, 1786 / Oct. 7, 1829	45	105	150			17	3	6		4	9	238	
Southbridge,	Jason Park,	Dec. 18, 1816	26	63	89	28	2	30	2	1	0	17	8		
Sturbridge,	Joseph T. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	53	138	191	36	6	42	3	3	0	15	2	270	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	18	95	113	7	2		6	1	0	5	6		
Ware 1st,	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	70	138	208	27	2	29	4	6	0	9	13	165	25
Ware East,	Parsons Cooke.	June 21, 1826	73	181	254	77	6	83	2	9		36	13	49	
Charlton,	John Wilder, Jr.	June 5, 1827	23	80	103	41	0	41	2	1	0	23	1		40
Barre,	(Vacant.)		32	59	91	9	0	9	2	2	0	4	5	150	
Hardwick,	Martin Tupper,	April 16, 1828	70	148	218	52	2	54	6	1	0	28	5	212	
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,														
Western,															
Petersham,	William Wolcott,	Oct. 20, 1830	22	46	68	41	2	43	2	2	0	8	4	75	
Holland,	(Vacant.)														
	.	Total.	632	1531	2527	440	29	477	38	54	5	199	124	2207	65

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832		Admissions in 1831.				Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To-	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Amherst, 1st Par.	Royal Washburn,	Jan. 18, 1826			173	93	7	100	6	4	0	24	15		
Amherst, 2d Par.	N. Perkins, Jr.	Oct. 1810													
Amherst, S. Par.	Aaron Getes,	Feb. 1, 1832	36	56	92	13	8	21	0	6	0	4	3	147	
Amherst, N. Par.	William W. Hunt,	March 7, 1827	36	73	109	35	2	37	2	0	0	18	11	180	
Belchertown,	Lyman Coleman,	Oct. 19, 1825	174	275	449	45	8	53	6	15	0	10	18	500	
Deerfield, S. Par.	Tertius S. Clarke,	Oct. 3, 1827	57	71	128	11	3	14	2	5	0	0	7	181	35
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	68	129	197	1	3	4	3	5	1	1	6	190	15
Granby, E.	Joseph Knight,	March10, 1830	66	128	194	54	3	57	4	3	0	21	27	240	
Granby, W.	Elijah Gridley, / Eli Moody,	May 1797 / Dec. 29, 1830	57	96	153	33	6	39	0	2	0	4	8	120	100
Hadley,	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831	135	215	350	37	9	46	2	30	0	9	34	405	
Hatfield,	Levi Pratt,	June 1830	40	97	137	40	1	41	5	2	0	8	43	200	
Northampton,	Solomon Williams, / J. S. Spencer,	June 5, 1778 / Sept. 11, 1828	229	509	738	146	20	266	10	18	0	44	64	600	
South Hadley,	Artemas Boies,	Feb. 25, 1824	84	159	243	53	10	63	6	5	0	15	13	200	
Southampton,	Vinson Gould,	Aug. 27, 1801	127	233	360	20	0	20	6	4	0	3	16	400	
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale, / Horace B. Chapin,	Sept. 29, 1779 / July 8, 1829	76	133	209	14	8	22	2	4	1	1	9	110	45
Williamsburgh,	Henry Lord,	June 20, 1804	90	169	251	46	3	49	3	2	0	8	7	200	50
Whateley,	Rufus Wiles, / Lemuel P. Bates,	1821			237	9			2	12				240	
Enfield,	J. Crosby, / Sumner G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1823	93	171	164	25	39	64	2	4	0				
Sunderland,	(Vacant.)				127	34	3	37	5	3	0	6	8	250	
		Total.	1358	2514	4311	709	133	852	66	124	2	176	294	4163	245

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Harvard, Cal. Cong.	Geo Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	52	114	166	31	3	34	3			3	4	150	
Westford, Un. Ch.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	34	82	116	11	1	12	1	3		4	7	200	50
Groton, Union Ch.	John Todd,	Jan. 3, 1827			225	21			4	3		2	16	130	150
Pepperell, Ev. Con	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	66	152	218	67	1	68	3	3		34	9	250	75
Boxboro', Trin. So.	James R. Cushing,	Aug. 12, 1829	11	19	30				1			1		25	
Townsend, Or. Soc.	Wm. M. Rogers,	Feb. 16, 1831	83	139	222	52	0	52	1	4	0	19	16	130	30
Ashby, Cal. Cong.															
Bolton, Ev. Cong.	John W. Chickering,	April 14, 1830	40	51	91	39	6	45	1	1	0	10	3	150	70
Shirley, Ev. Cong.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	10	22	32	8	2	10				2	3	80	
Dunstable, Ev. Con.	E. W. Goodman,														
Leominster, Ev Con	Phillips Payson,	Nov. 17, 1825	29	62	91	16	3	19				7	12	110	
Fitchburg,	John A. Albro,	May 9, 1832													
		Total.	325	541	1191	245	16	240	14	14	0	82	70	1275	375

HAVERHILL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
West Bradford,	(Destitute.)				139	48	2	50				23	8		
1st in Haverhill,	Rev. D. Phelps,				110	30	1	31				11	16		
North Haverhill,	Rev S. H Peckham,				45	10	1	11	1			5	7		
West Haverhill,	Rev. A. Cross,				95	46		46	2			15			
East Haverhill,	R. J. H. Stevens,				38	12		12	2			5	3		
Methuen,															
1st Par. in Dracut,	Rev. Jos. Merrill,				137	32		32				24			
Boxford,	Rev. Peter Eaton,														
		Total.			514	178	4	182	5			83	34		

ESSEX MIDDLE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Ipswich 1st,	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	57	152	209	8	1	9	1	1	0	3	6	160	0
Ipswich South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 23, 1826	23	96	119	9	4	13	2	0	1	1	13	120	0
Linebrook Parish,	(Vacant.)		11	18	29	10	0	10	1	0	0	6	2	60	60
Rowley 1st,	Willard Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	32	70	102	5	0	5	3	4	0	2	7	120	40
Rowley 2d,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	46	64	110	52	9	61	2	0	0	16	3	220	0
Byfield Parish,	Isaac B. Barbour,	Dec. 20, 1827	52	73	125	59	0	59	0	0	0	32	3	0	0
Bradford East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	73	123	196	100	3	103	4	7	0	49	23	250	0
West Newbury 1st,	Henry C. Wright,	June 23, 1826	16	53	69	34	0	34	0	0	0	22	19	50	40
West Newbury 2d,	(Vacant.)		26	77	103	18	1	19	2	0	0	9	14	60	0
Amesbury West,	Peter S. Eaton,	Sept. 20, 1826	42	88	130	57	2	59	1	0	0	23	3	90	30
Amesbury East,	Benjamin Sawyer,	June 1816	38	62	100	33	4	37	2	2	0	25	3	80	25
Salisbury West,	(Vacant.)		8	34	42	10	0	10	1	0	0	7	1	50	0
Belleville Parish,	James Miltimore,	April 27, 1808													
	John Murch,	March 1, 1832	14	65	79	36	0	36	1	0	0	13	0	85	30
2d Cong. Newb'port,	Luther F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	56	197	253	70	5	75	3	3	1	25	34	200	0
Newbury 1st,	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	30	85	115	50	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
		Total.	524	1257	1781	551	31	582	23	17	2	238	141	1745	475

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Inf'ts		
Monson,	Alfred Ely,	Dec. 17, 1806	138	262	400	44	5	49	4	11	1	20	11	532	76
Wilbraham, S. Par.	Lucius W. Clarke,	Dec. 9, 1329	42	86	128	22	0	22	1	1	1	6	2	123	24
Wilbraham, N. Par			29	44	73	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	30	
Ludlow,	Ebenezer B. Wright,	Dec. 8, 1819	55	97	152	28	1	29	1	5	0	19	3	119	
L. Meadow, 1st Par.	J. B. Condit,	July 1831	52	111	163	0	2	2	11	4	0	0	3	141	100
L. Meadow, 2d Par.	Calvin Foote,	April 15, 1831	43	69	112	63	9	72	0	4	0	29	20	148	35
Springfield, 1st Par	Sam'l Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	256	314	570	84	23	107	3	6	1	13	24	670	250
Springfield, 2d Par.	Alexander Phoenix,	April 1324	40	67	107	46	0	46	0	0	0	15	5	83	20
Springfield Fac. Vil.	George Nichols,	(Not Settled)	16	50	66	21	1	22	3	9	0	11	3	200	100
W. Spring'd, 1st Par.	Thos. E. Vermilye,														
W. S. Ireland Par.					70	6	0	6	0	0	0	4	4	50	20
W. S. Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	38	68	106	10	3	13	1	0	0	7	0	70	20
W. S. Feeding Hills,	Hervey Smith,	Aug. 1830	18	65	83	3	2	5	0	2	0	1	2	70	18
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 16, 1803	100	262	362	68	6	74	12	5	2	16	13	407	150
Russell,					20										
Montgomery,			18	55	73	10	0	10		2		4	3		
Blandford,	Dorus Clarke,	Feb. 5, 1823	61	133	194	49	2	51	2	4	0	22	18	323	35
Southwick,			19	50	69	0	2	2	0	2	0			60	10
Granville East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	48	102	150	6	0	6	3	1	0	2	7	115	59
Granville Middle,	Joel Baker,	June 21, 1797	30	55	85									80	
Tolland,															
		Total.	1003	1890	2983	460	56	416	47	56	5	169	119	3226	917

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof	By	Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults	Inf'ts.		
Ashburnham,	George Perkins,	Feb. 25, 1824	48	120	168	32	5		37	4	1	5	6	17	82	86
Gardner,	Samuel Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	49	106	155	57			57	1	3		17	3	70	50
Phillipston,	Jos. Chickering,	July 10, 1822	76	147	223	14	5		19	6	6		3	5	160	
Princeton,	Alonzo Phillips,	June 7, 1820	70	112	182	32	4		36		1	1	3	2		
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	90	160	250	36	5		41	3	2	1	16	12	200	40
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	101	138	339	28	2		30	7	3	2	13	6	200	100
Winchendon,	E. L. Clark,	Oct. 18, 1820	50	120	170	8	14		22	5	6		3	4	110	
		Total.	484	903	1437	207	35		242	26	27	9	66	49	822	276

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.		To	By death	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Oxford, 1st Soc.	Eben. Newhall,	Dec. 17, 1823			176	24	1		25	2	6	1	11	9	160	
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812			230	85	2		87	3	2	0	41	8	240	
Holden,	Horatio Bardwell,	Oct. 22, 1823														
West Boylston,	John Boardman,	Feb. 28, 1821			170	10	5		15	3	3	0				
Cal. Ch. Worcester,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Jan. 28, 1830	82	106	188	62	9		71	1	3				100	60
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818			200	1	4		5	2			1	9	200	100
Boylston,	Samuel Russell,	June 21, 1826														
Worcester, 1st Soc.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			322	74	6		80	2	5	0	33	9	240	
Shrewsbury,	Geo. Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823														
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,															
Paxton,	Moses Winch,	Sept. 21, 1831			80	0	1		0	1	0	0	0	2	60	
		Total.	82	106	1366	256	28		283	14	19	1	86	37	1000	160

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 183:			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Edgartown,	(Vacant.)		18	30	48									80	
Dartmouth,	(Vacant.)		13	37	50										
North Church,	S. Holmes,	1811	90	217	307	52	14	66	2	62	2	14	23	300	40
Trin. Church,	(Vacant)		20	40	60								3		
1st Church,	P. G. Seabury,	1830	6	17	23	7		7	1			3		35	20
all in N. Bedford.															
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	1823	50	131	181	12	6	18	1		2		10	200	25
Rochester, Mettapoi-sett,	S. Lebarron,	1772	35	85	120								6	125	
" South,	O. Cobb,														
" Centre,	J. Bigelow,	1827			112	22		22			1			100	30
" North,	S. Utley,	1831	9	20	29	3	2	5	1			1		30	
Wareham,	S. Nott, Jr.	1829			169	30	1	31	3	7		10	18	130	50
Middleborough,	William Eaton,	1824	60	150	210	20	1	21	1	3		15		250	
		Total.	301	727	1309	116	24	170	9	72	5	43	60	1250	165

BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION—*Not Reported.*

SOUTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts		
Framingham,	David Kellogg, D. D.														
	George Trask,	Sept. 1830			285	44	9	53						200	
Hopkinton,	Amos Phelps,	1830			165			75							
East Marlboro',	S. F. Bucklin,	1808	30	60	90			7						160	35
Natick,	Martin Moore,	Feb. 1814	62	101	163	42	3	45	2	2	0	15	3	100	40
East Sudbury, 2d,	Levi Smith,	Jan. 1829	10	34	44			7						100	25
Holliston,	Charles Fitch,	Jan. 4, 1826			180			30							
Concord, 2d,	D. S. Southmayd,	April 25, 1827	30	55	85	15	0	15	2	0	0	6	8	150	
Sherburne, 2d,	Samuel Lee,	1830	50	86	136	27	1	23	1	3	0		23	90	20
		Total.	182	336	1143	128	13	260	5	5	0	21	34	820	120

TAUNTON AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831			Baptisms 1831		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults	Inf'ts.		
Assonet,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 1829	7	25	32	1		1		1	0	1	2	50	45
Berkley,	Thomas Andros,	March 1733	25	41	66			2				2	5	100	
Dighton,	Preston Cummings,	Dec. 1827	24	47	71	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	100	50
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	37	90	127	7	8	15	0	2	0	6	11	242	150
North Middleboro',	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	41	109	150	71	0	71	2	3	0	67	1	100	0
Middleboro', 2d,	John Shaw,	July 1819	2	53	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 1823	40	80	120	40		40				20	15	120	50
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 1816													
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,														
Taunton Trin.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 1826	71	166	273	55	11	66	2			31	14	250	
		Total	273	616	925	174	19	195	5	6	0	127	51	1032	295

ASSOCIATION OF SALEM AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts		
Salem, 3d Ch.	Brown Emerson,	April 1805	72	248	320	46	1	47	4	2	0	22	28	433	0
Salem, Tab. Ch.	John P. Cleaveland,	1827	85	345	430	75	2	77	5	3	1	25	32	500	300
Marblehead, 1st Ch.	Samuel Dana,	1801	34	238	272	8	3	11	7	3	0		18	250	50
Beverly, 3d Ch.	David Oliphant,	Feb. 18, 1818	67	195	262	52	5	57	5	6	0	16	41	250	100
Danvers, 1st Ch.	Milton P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	33	123	156	59	0	59	2	1	1	22	35	204	40
Danvers, 2d Ch.	George Cowles,	Sept. 12, 1827	20	105	125	20	2	22	4	3	2	10	2	180	25
Lynn, 1st Par.	Otis Rockwood,	July 1, 1818	30	94	124	53	4	57	2	1	0	27	12	150	20
Gloucester, 5th Ch.	David Jewett,	Oct. 30, 1805	71	136	207	1	3	4	6	3	2	0	20	260	60
Evangelical Church, Gloucester Harbor	C. S. Porter,		2	10	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	0
Orthodox Congregational Society in Annisquam, Gloucester,	Moses Sawyer,	March 1831	3	10	13	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	40	35
Manchester,	Samuel M. Emerson,	Sept. 12, 1821													
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	39	87	126	9	0	9	4	2	0	6	10	131	35
Wenham,	E P. Sperry,	May 29, 1820	30	57	87	5	1	6	0	6	0	6	4	70	0
Hamilton,	J. B. Felt,	June 16, 1814	21	64	85	24	2	26	1	2	0	6	4	90	15
Topsfield,	J. F. McEwen,	May 1828	42	95	137	63	0	63	2	1	0	43	26	230	
		Total.	549	1807	2356	416	26	432	42	33	6	183	232	2318	680

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Andover, S. Parish,															
Andover, W. Parish,	Samuel C. Jackson,	Jan. 6, 1827	52	115	167	2	0	2	4	2	0	0	17	300	100
Bedford,	Samuel Stearns,	April 27, 1796	55	105	160	36	1	37	5	2	0	10	6	111	30
Boxford, 1st Parish,															
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	April 13, 1814	20	58	78	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		25
Lowell, 1st Church,															
Reading, S. Parish,															
or West,	Jared Reid,	Oct. 1823	77	122	199	33	0	33	3	0	0	3	10		
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804	40	103	148	24	2	26	2	2	0	15	16	120	30
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,		62	134	194	32	2	34	2		0	25	12		
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	May 18, 1831	16	55	71	11	0	11	2		0	1	12	100	120
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822			516	10	3	13	6		1	8	10	300	500
		Total.	322	697	1533	198	8	206	26	6	1	62	83	931	305

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Carver,	Plummer Chase,	Oct. 15, 1828	33	70	103	21	3	24	2	1	0	7	5	100	
Hanover,	(Vacant.)				83									60	
Hanson,	F. P. Howland,	Oct. 25, 1826	9	30	39	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	110	36
Plymouth, 2d,	Joshua Barrett,	Jan. 11, 1826	29	56	85	23	1	24	1	0	0	6	13	120	50
Plymouth, 3d,	Frederick Freeman,	Nov. 3, 1824	29	102	131	45	6	51	1	2	0	30	18	140	200
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Jan. 18, 1809	36	105	141	51	1	52	2	1	0	19	1	200	130
		Total.	136	363	587	142	11	153	7	4	0	62	37	730	416

NORTH SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1832			Admissions in 1831.			Removals in 1831.			Baptisms 1831.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Boston, Old South,	B. B. Wisner, D. D.	Feb. 21, 1821	109	426	564	45	11	56	5	15	0	15	22	about 350	300
" Bowdoin st.	L. Beecher, D. D.	Mar. 23, 1826													
" Green st.	Wm. Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	48	167	215	21	4	25	3	7	0	11	14	170	20
" Salem st.	George W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1830	61	139	200	36	14	50	2	3	0	11		300	50
Charlestown, 1st,	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	72	287	359	4	7	11	3	16	1	1	24	339	150
Newton, 1st,	Jon. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 13, 1782													
	James Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827	61	149	210	43	2	45	1	9	0	15	5	120	
Newton, 2d,	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	25	40	65	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	80	20
Waltham, T. con ch	Sewall Harding,	Jan. 17, 1821	10	111	121	12	3	15	0	18	2	1	4	100	90
Lincoln,	Elijah Demond,	Nov. 7, 1827	23	65	88	15	0	15	2	2	0	4	2	70	
Medford, 2d.	Aaron Warner,	Sept. 1, 1824	32	69	101	4	6	10	2			1	9	160	30
Cambridge, 1st.	Nehemiah Adams,	Dec. 17, 1829	27	93	120	19	0	19						100	60
		Total.	468	1546	2043	199	47	246	22	75	4	59	80	1839	720

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

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			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Boston, Park st. ch.	(Vacant.)		100	336	436	22	4	26		14	1			250	50
" Pine st. ch.	(Vacant.)		49	88	137	34	17	51		0	0			200	
" Union ch.	Samuel Green,	Mar. 26, 1823	95	311	406	73	11	84	5	19				320	70
" Mariners ch.	Jonathan Greenleaf,	Feb. 13, 1830	14	16	30	6	2	8	0	1			5	50	
South Boston ch.	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	45	88	133	11	10	21	1	7	0	6	2	120	55
Dedham, 1st ch.	Ebenezer Burgess,	Mar. 13, 1821	51	169	220	7	2	9	6	3	0	3	15	125	100
" South ch.	Harrison G. Park,	Dec. 16, 1829	32	118	150	27	0	27	3	0	1	8	5	70	50
Needham, 2d ch.	Thomas Noyes,	July 10, 1799	18	57	75	6	0	6	2	0	1	1	6	80	60
Brighton, Evan. ch.	William Adams,	Feb. 3, 1831	31	70	101	12	5	17	3	2	0	3	2	100	
Walpole Or. con. ch.	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1823	12	56	68	2	1	3	1	0	2	0	6	70	
		Total.	447	1309	1756	200	52	252	21	46	5	21	41	1335	385

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

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			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.		
Dorchester, 2d ch.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	72	213	285	35	3	38	7	4		6	20	230	70
Milton,	Samuel Gile,	Feb. 13, 1807													
Braintree, 1st,	Richard S. Storrs,	July 3, 1811													
	Edward A. Park,	Dec. 23, 1831	29	96	125		3	3	2	1	1		5	130	
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	40	93	133	13	2	15	1	2		9	2	100	13
N. Bridgewater,	Daniel Huntington,	Oct. 23, 1812													
Sharon,	Jonathan Curtis,	Oct. 12, 1825	19	58	77	9		9	3		1	5	1	77	in both.
Randolph 1st.	Calvin Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821													
Braintree and Weymouth Union ch.	Jonas Perkins,	1815	45	84	132	7		7	2		1	2	9	150	40
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	42	90	132	12		12	2	2		8		75	25
Weymouth North,	Josiah Bent, Jr.	Oct. 13, 1824	50	117	167	1	3	4	5			1	3	130	25
Cohasset,	Aaron Pickett,	Nov. 15, 1826	14	51	65	2		2		3			6	80	40
East Randolph,	David Brigham,	Dec. 19, 1819													
Vil. ch. Dorchester,	David Sanford,	July 14, 1830	26	82	108	26	2	28	4	1		13	8	70	50
E. & West Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	25	44	69	8	3	11				2	9	100	in both.
S. Braintree,	Lyman Mathews,	Aug. 4, 1830	11	19	30	4	1	5				1	5	85	40
		Total.	373	947	1323	117	17	134	26	13	3	47	68	1227	308

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 18			Admissions in 18 .			Removals in 18 .			Baptisms 18 .		No. in	No in	Remarks on the general state of religion in the parish.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Sab. Sc.	B. Class	

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association, at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

It is much to be regretted that the returns of the present year are so imperfect.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR SESSION

IN DORCHESTER, JUNE, 1833.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled at Dorchester, in the meeting-house of the Rev. John Codman, D. D. on Tuesday, June 25, 1833, at five o'clock, P. M. and was called to order, agreeably to the rules of the Association, by the Rev. Dr. Codman.

The Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf was chosen Moderator, the Rev. John P. Cleaveland, Scribe, and the Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, Assistant Scribe.

Present, from

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Ralph W. Gridley, Rev. Ebenezer Jennings.
Mountain Association,	None.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Sumner G. Clapp.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Ebenezer B. Wright, Rev. Israel G. Rose.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Aretas Loomis, Rev. Benjamin F. Clark.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Martin Tupper, Rev. William Wolcott.
Harmony Association,	Rev. David Holman, Rev. Elisha Rockwood.
Worcester Central Association,	Rev. John Nelson.
do. North,	Rev. Cyrus Mann, Rev. George Goodyear.
Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. John W. Chickering, Rev. William M. Rogers.
Middlesex South Association,	Rev. George Trask, Rev. Walter Follett.

Andover Association,	Rev. Milton Badger, Rev. Francis Norwood.
Haverhill Association,	Rev. Joseph Merrill.
Essex Middle Association,	Rev. David T. Kimball, Rev. John C. March.
Salem and vicinity,	Rev. George Cowles, Rev. John P. Cleaveland.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Warren Fay, D. D. Rev. Lyman Gilbert.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. William Cogswell, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Lyman Matthews, Rev. Samuel Gile.
Taunton and vicinity,	Rev. Orin Fowler, Rev. Enoch Sanford.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. William Eaton, Rev. Jonathan Bigelow.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Elijah Dexter, Rev. Elbridge G. Howe.
Barnstable Association,	Rev. Stephen Bailey, Rev. Nathaniel Cogswell.

Foreign Bodies.

Gen. Assembly of Presbyterian Church,	Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D. Rev. Henry G. Ludlow.
Gen. Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Dennis Platt, Rev. Jairus Burt.
Gen. Convention of Vermont,	Rev. James Johnson.
Gen. Assoc. of N. H.	Rev. Joseph W. Clary, Rev. Dana Clayes.
Gen. Conf. of Maine,	Rev. Abraham Jackson.
Evang. Consoc. of Rhode-Island,	Rev. Thomas T. Waterman. Rev. Barnabas Phinney.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. of Brookfield, Secretary of the body, and Rev. Dr. Codman, pastor of the church in Dorchester, ex-officio, members of the Association. Rev. Leonard Withington, also, ex-officio, a member, having fulfilled his appointment to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly.

Several persons who were present, and had been duly appointed delegates by their respective associations, but who were not furnished with regular certificates, the propriety of their holding seats as members was referred to a committee on Elections, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Fay, Fowler, and Cowles.

The Moderator then led in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Gridley, and Bigelow, were appointed a Committee of Nominations. Messrs. Fay, Kimball, and Sanford, of Raynham, a Committee of Arrangements. Messrs. Eaton, Gridley, Badger, Boies, and Rose a Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies. Messrs. Chickering and Sandford to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Messrs. Badger, Rice, Waterman, Kimball, and Gilbert, to take minutes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Voted, to adjourn, after prayer by the Moderator, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, eight o'clock.

Wednesday morning, eight o'clock. Met according to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer. The Secretary not being present on Tuesday, the rules of the Association were read this morning. The committee of Arrangements made a report in part, which was accepted. Rev. R. S. Storrs, Secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, was invited to sit and act as an Honorary Member. Messrs. Crocker & Brewster were appointed Agents in Boston for this body.

Voted, That the names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, be inserted in the published returns.

Rev. Messrs. Clark, Hawkes, and Kimball, of the Mountain Association, were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Address for the next year.

Voted, that the delegates of the several Associations be requested to insert the names of those of their members, who are without a pastoral charge, in their respective schedules, or forward them, seasonably to the Publishing Committee. The Committee of Elections made a report, recommending that those delegates, who have not certificates of their appointment, hold their seats, but that this be not viewed as a precedent for similar cases in future. A Committee on the subject of encouraging the cause of "Moral Reform," consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Waterman, Ludlow, Fowler, and Jackson, made a report, which, after discussion and amendment, was unanimously adopted, as follows :

Resolved, "That in view of the known and appalling increase of licentiousness and crime, and the signal interposition of divine

providence, in awakening the attention of individual christians and philanthropists to consider the causes and effects of the same, we regard the cause of Moral Reform as sustained and enforced by the most solemn and commanding claims of philanthropy, patriotism, and religion,—and that we do most earnestly and especially recommend to all the ministers and members of our churches, to unite, and, in the fear and love of God, use efficient and appropriate means to deepen and strengthen the foundations of virtue, and to roll back the tide of impurity and shame, which so fearfully exposes our land to the indignation and curse of Heaven."

The first and second preachers before the Massachusetts Missionary Society, having failed, the Association appointed the Rev. Mr. Crosby of Conway, to perform that service. The Rev. R. S. Storrs was appointed preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society for next year, and the Rev. Leonard Withington his substitute. After a few remarks by the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, Agent of the American Education Society, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, viz.:

"Whereas the dependance of the Christian Ministry on the Great Head of the Church, is entire and constant, and his blessing absolutely necessary to its success, and whereas the last Thursday in February has been set apart annually by many of the friends of the Redeemer, as a season of united prayer for a blessing on the young men in a course of education at our colleges and academies, therefore,

"Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the churches in connexion with this General Association, to observe the last Thursday in February as a day of fasting and prayer, with special reference to the more copious effusions of the Holy Spirit on our literary institutions, that the young men who resort thither for an education, may be sanctified, and a suitable proportion of them led to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry."

Voted, That this Association concur with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and other bodies, in recommending to the Churches under their care, the observance of the first Monday in January, A. D. 1834, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, for the conversion of the world to Jesus Christ, and that the Secretary of this Association cause this vote to be published in the religious papers of this Commonwealth, four weeks before the recurrence of the Fast.

Voted, That the Rules of this Association, as recently amended, be re-printed, in connexion with the minutes of the present year.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Vaill, preacher before this body the present year, be an honorary member during this meeting.

The Rev. William Chester, of Virginia, having appeared before the Association as an Agent of the Theological Seminary of the synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and presented a statement of the present condition and future prospects of that Institution,

Resolved, That this Association, in view of the common interests of our American Zion, the spiritual wants of the Southern portion of our country, and the salutary influence of the Institution in question, on our national prosperity, if the North shall give up and the South keep not back, do recommend to the churches of Massachusetts, that they render such pecuniary assistance as they may feel able to do, in the establishment of a Professorship of Christian Theology in that Seminary."

The Rev. Mr. Nichols of Missouri, having presented the claims of Marion College, the only Protestant literary Institution in that State,

Resolved, That the Association regard the Institution as one of great value and importance to Missouri and the surrounding country, and as eminently deserving of the patronage of the christian public generally.

The Association then adjourned to two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of hearing the narrative of the state of religion.

P. M. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burt, of Connecticut. Heard the narratives of the state of religion in the several Associations. Heard the Pastoral Address, which was read by the Rev. Mr. Dexter, of the Pilgrim Association, and committed to Messrs. Boies, Badger, and Gridley, with instructions to report thereon to-morrow.

Voted, To attend to the claims of various benevolent associations, to-morrow, A. M. at ten o'clock.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning, after prayer by the Moderator.

Wednesday evening, the Annual Discourse before the Massachusetts Missionary Society was preached by the Rev. Mr. Crosby, from Neh. 2: 20, and a collection taken up in aid of Home Missions.

Thursday morning, eight o'clock. Met according to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer.

Messrs. Fay, Greenleaf, and Cleaveland, were appointed a Publishing Committee for the present year.

Rev. Dr. Snell was unanimously re-elected Secretary for the ensuing three years.

Voted, that the next meeting of this Association be in the meeting-house of the Rev. Dr. Hyde, of Lee, within the bounds of the Berkshire Association.

A communication was read from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, on the subject of a reciprocal deputation to attend the annual meetings, respectively, of the Union, and of this Association.

The Secretary was instructed to respond to the communication, and the subject of a deputation was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Porter, Snell, Codman, Jenks, and the Moderator.

Voted, That Middlesex South Association appoint the preacher before this body the next year.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's accounts were correctly cast; that there is a balance on hand of $56,41, and they recommend that an assessment of fifty cents be made as usual on each member of the several Associations, to defray the ordinary expenses of this body. The Committee to whom the Pastoral Address was referred, made a report, which, together with the Address, were placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That Messrs. Fay, Withington, Jenks, Fowler, and Cleaveland, be a Committee to consider this question, "Ought a settled Pastor to ask, or permit, a person to preach for him who has not been regularly licensed?"

The Committee on Nominations reported the following as Delegates to Foreign Bodies, which report was accepted, viz.

To General Assembly Pres. Church,

Rev. E. Pratt, Rev. P. Cook, } Primaries. Rev. J. Brown, D.D. Rev. Jona. Bigelow, } Substitutes.

Gen. Assoc. of Connecticut, (next meeting at Brooklyn, on the third Tuesday of June, 1834,)

Rev. Joshua Barrett, Rev. Milton Badger, } Prim. Rev. Orin Fowler, Rev. James Bradford, } Sub.

Gen. Association of New-Hampshire, (at Keene, first Tuesday in September,)

Rev. Wales Tileston, Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, } Prim. Rev. Artemas Boies, Rev. Daniel Fitz, } Sub.

Gen. Convention Vermont, (next meeting at Royalton, Sept. 10, 1833.)

Rev. John S C. Abbott, } Prim. Rev. Israel G. Rose, } Sub.
Rev. Ralph W. Gridley, } Rev. Daniel Crosby, }

Evang. Consoc. Rhode Island, (next meeting at Providence, 2d Tuesday in June, 1834,)

Rev. John Maltby, } Prim. Rev. Geo. Trask, } Sub.
Rev. Rodney A. Miller, } Rev. J. B. Condit, }

Gen. Conference of Maine, (next meeting Tuesday before the fourth Wednesday in June, 1834.)

Rev. Ebenezer Burgess, } Prim. Rev. J. Codman, D.D. } Sub.
Rev. Samuel Gile, } Rev. Joseph Vaill, }

Voted, That a Committee be raised, to report the condition of those Churches in this State, which have been driven from their houses of worship by town or parish votes, or by measures equivalent to such votes, and also the condition of the houses and congregations from which they have been separated.

Voted, That this Committee consist of one from each Association connected with this body, to report facts of this nature, within their respective limits, to the Chairman, who shall prepare a condensed report, to be presented to this Association, at its next meeting. Rev. Richard S. Storrs was appointed Chairman of this Committee, with the Rev. Messrs. Hyde, Hawkes, Packard, Brown, Osgood, Snell, Rockwood, Nelson, Cowles, Chickering, sen., Chickering, jun., Trask, Badger, Merrill, Withington, Fay, Burgess, Sheldon, Sanford, Holmes, Bailey, and Dexter.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the American Colonization Society to the patronage of the friends of Africa, throughout this Commonwealth.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas the Convention of Sabbath School Teachers, recently held in the city of Philadelphia, resolved that all ministers of the gospel in the United States, who feel an interest in the cause of Sabbath Schools, be requested, on the first Sabbath in October next, or on some other Sabbath, as near that time as may be convenient, to preach a sermon, addressed particularly to parents and guardians, urging them to a more cordial co-operation in the work of Sabbath Schools, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association adopt the foregoing resolution, and earnestly request those clergymen who are in fellowship with us, to comply with the spirit of the resolution.

The Association having been addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Shepard and Rice, on the subject of supplying this country and the world with the Bible, it was

Resolved, That the continued supply of the destitute with the Bible, as they are continually occurring in every part of our land, is of vital importance to the welfare of our republic, and the prevalence of pure religion, and that, as ministers of the Lord Jesus, we recognize our obligations to aid in this work, by sustaining the various auxiliary societies, within our limits, and by every other means in our power.

Resolved, secondly, that we view, with gratitude to God, the recent openings for the distribution of the scriptures in different parts of the unevangelized world, and that we will cheerfully consecrate our efforts and prayers in aid of the recent resolutions of the American Bible Society, to engage with redoubled ardor and resources, in carrying forward the work of foreign supply, until the whole habitable earth is blessed with the word of life.

The Rev. Mr. Ludlow, of New-York, Agent of the American Sunday School Union, having addressed the Association, it was, unanimously, resolved, That this Association regard the enterprise of supplying the Southern States with Sabbath Schools, with the deepest interest, and that we cordially commend the Agent to the sympathies, prayers, and charities of our Churches.

Resolved, That while we bid him God speed in this great work, we will cheerfully welcome him to our homes, and our congregations.

After some remarks by the Rev. Dr. Edwards, the Association resolved as follows, viz.

As the traffic in ardent spirits as a drink, is unnecessary, and highly injurious to the social, civil, and religious interests of men, therefore,

Resolved, That, in our judgment, the laws which sanction that traffic, by licensing men to pursue it, *are morally wrong*, and ought to be so modified, that, instead of licensing the sin, and thus sanctioning the continuance, they will only, as far as is practicable and expedient, defend the community from its evils.

After a few additional remarks, it was resolved, That the use of Tobacco, by ministers of the Lord Jesus, is obstructing the progress of temperance, and injurious to the cause of religion.

The subject of Home Missions was presented by the Rev. Messrs. Storrs, of Massachusetts, Rice, of New-York, and Lathrop, of Ohio, and the resolutions which follow, adopted.

1. Resolved, That in view of the strong claims of the American Home Missionary Society to the confidence and

co-operation of the Christian community; claims founded on the wide extent of its field of operation,—the unity and comprehensiveness of its plan,—the efficiency and success of its past labors,—its bearing on the literary, religious, and civil interests of the country, and its ultimate influence on the destinies of the world—it be earnestly recommended to the evangelical Pastors and Churches of this Commonwealth to put forth increased efforts, during the current year, for the support of the Society.

2. That it be recommended to the Pastors and Churches, to aim at the collection of thirty thousand dollars, at least, for Home Missions, the present year, so much of it as is necessary to be expended in Massachusetts, and the remainder to be transmitted to the A. H. M. Society.

3. Resolved, That we deem the above-mentioned sum, as no more than a fair proportion for the Churches of this Commonwealth to contribute to the cause of Home Missions the present year, and that it needs only a vigorous and faithful effort, on the part of the Pastors of our Churches to secure its collection.

Leave of absence was granted to several members.

Voted to adjourn to two P. M. to hear the Associational Sermon.

Two o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment. The Associational Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Vaill, of Brimfield, from Zech. 4 : 6, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Rev. Dr. Wisner then addressed the Association on behalf of the A. B. C. F. M., and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize it as the duty of Churches and individual christians, to aim at the publishment of the gospel among all nations, and to every creature, as soon as possible,—and that we regard it as of the highest importance to their own spiritual prosperity, as well as to the progress of the gospel through the earth, that they practically recognize, and efficiently discharge this duty.

Resolved, That we have learned with satisfaction that the A. B. C. F. M. are making vigorous efforts to extend their operations, and that they are determined to send forth every person, of suitable qualifications, who shall offer himself for the missionary work, and that we pledge to them our hearty co-operation in the promotion of their designs.

The Rev. Mr. Cogswell followed, on behalf of the American Education Society, and in support of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That in view of the immense want of Ministers to supply the destitute Churches of this country, and to meet the increasing and imperious demand of Home and Foreign Missions, and in view, also, of the intimate and inseparable connection there is between the ministry of the gospel, and the prosperity of every other religious enterprise; it is the duty of every minister to exert himself to look up and induce at least one young man to commence a course of education for the ministry of Christ.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, then presented a narrative on the state of religion, which was accepted.

Voted, unanimously, that the thanks of this body be presented to the Church and Society in this place, for their kindness and liberality in making provision for the accommodation of the Association, and also to the choir of singers, for their services.

The foregoing Minutes were then read and adopted. After prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Loomis, of Colrain, the Association adjourned, sine die.

JONATHAN GREENLEAF, *Moderator.*
JOHN P. CLEAVELAND, *Scribe.*
JONATHAN BIGELOW, *Assistant Scribe.*

Dorchester, June 27, 1833.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with Thomas Snell, Treasurer.

			Cr.
June 23, 1832.	By Balance in the Treasury,		$32 42
	By tax of Hampshire Central Ass. for 1831, paid to Agent in Boston,		9 00
	By excess in the estimate of unsettled accounts,		15 49
June 26, 1833.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:		
	Berkshire,	$10 00	
	Hampshire,	7 00	
	Franklin,	5 50	
	Hampden,	7 50	
	Brookfield,	7 00	
	Harmony,	5 50	
	Worcester Central,	5 00	
	Worcester North,	4 50	
	Middlesex Union,	4 50	
	Middlesex South,	2 00	
	Andover,	7 00	
	Haverhill,	2 00	
	Essex Middle,	6 00	
	Salem and vicinity	10 00	
	Suffolk North,	4 00	
	Suffolk South,	5 00	
	Norfolk,	6 00	
	Taunton and vicinity,	5 00	
	Old Colony,	4 50	
	Barnstable,	3 00	
	Pilgrim,	2 50	113 50
			170 41

Contra, Dr.

March, 1833.		
Postage on Letters,	0 32	
To a Trunk for Records,	3 00	
To Agents' Account for printing Minutes for 1832,	98 93	
To Travelling Expenses of the Secretary,	11 75	114 00
Balance in the Treasury,		$56 41

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it correctly kept and cast.

J. W. CHICKERING,
E. SANFORD,
C. MANN,
} *Auditors.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In the reports which have been received from our churches, there is much to awaken joy and gratitude in the hearts of christians; there is much to enkindle their hope, and establish their confidence in the promises of God; and there is much to rebuke their self-confidence and prostrate them in deep humility at the foot of the cross.

Revivals of religion have not been so extensive and powerful, within our limits, the past year, as in the years immediately preceding. Yet we are not left wholly without evidence that God has remembered his heritage, and has been gathering in his chosen. Individual churches, in different sections of the State, have been greatly blessed; and some are still enjoying the precious influences of the divine Spirit.

Several new churches have, during the year, sprung into being, erected houses of worship, and planted the institutions of the gospel in the midst of heresy and sin. Our feeble churches, that had come out of great tribulation, have been made strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. They are among the most favored and beautiful of the daughters of Zion. Their history teaches us, that it is better to trust in God than to put confidence in princes. Our older churches have, many of them, received large accessions; and they are reaping the glorious fruits of the mighty power of God, which has so recently scattered its blessings over the land.

The reports of our Associations assure us, that where there has been no special revival, and no considerable additions to the church, there has still been a general attendance on the means of grace. The truth has been heard, and the consciences of the wicked have testified, that it was the truth of God. Peace, harmony and fellowship exist among the churches of the Redeemer. The spirit of controversy and distrust, if it was ever beginning to

be cherished, is fast giving place to the spirit of affection, and confidence, and mutual co-operation. Ministers are seeing eye to eye; or they are forgetting their minor differences, to encourage and support each other in the great work which God has given them to do. The members of our churches are feeling a stronger and stronger attachment to the faith once delivered to the saints; and they are beginning to recognize something of their amazing obligations to go forth, in the strength of the Lord, to take possession of the globe.

It is a pleasing evidence of the genuineness of that work of grace which has enlarged our churches, that the spirit which has been kindled up in them, is the spirit of Missions. Never did the disciples of Christ, in our connection, feel more deeply than they do at present, that they live not for themselves. Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the education of young men for the ministry, and other kindred departments of benevolent enterprise, are objects dear to their hearts. And these objects have been sustained the past year, with a liberality, a cheerfulness, and a zeal, which call for devout ascriptions of praise, and which constitute a bright bow of promise for the future. Our churches are taking up the work of a world's salvation, with so much energy, and so much system, that they appear determined never to relinquish it, and never to grow weary until the kingdom, and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. But we hope they will feel, that their work is only begun,—that they have yet made no sacrifices,—that they have not yet testified their love for dying men, as did he, who gave his blood to redeem them.

The Sabbath Schools connected with our congregations have never been in a more flourishing state, than they are at present. It is no longer the universal impression, that Sabbath Schools are designed solely for children. Many of them already include the older part of the youth,—fathers and mothers of middle life, —and even men who have passed their three-score years and ten. God grant that it may soon be acknowledged, by every member of our churches, and by every member of our congregations, that there is no one too old, or too wise, or too busy, to study the word of God, or to be educated in the sanctuary, and on the Sabbath, for the kingdom of heaven.

The Temperance Reformation has made rapid advances. In some Associations, the number of pledges has, during the year been more than doubled. In others, there is not an individual licensed to sell strong drink, and in most, if not all,

the number of licenses has been greatly diminished. Many of our churches have become temperance churches. They admit none to their fellowship, who do not avow the principle of total abstinence from both the consumption and the traffic. And some of them have, by special vote, made the traffic in every form, a disciplinable offence. Churches that are yet slumbering over a subject of such awful moment, must be aroused. Every church, as she regards the honor of her God and King, must take a decided stand. Every professing christian must be called upon to answer the question, as in the light of the judgment, whether he can drink ardent spirit, or make it, or sell it, to the glory of God,—whether he can, in any way, countenance those who use it, or deal in it, and not be a partaker of other men's sins,—whether he can know how to do good, in this cause, by the influence of his name and his example, and refuse to do it, and have evidence that he is a child of God.

Our Colleges continue to enjoy the smiles of heaven, and are training up their hundreds of young men, for the ministry of reconciliation. In our Theological Seminary, there yet lives and breathes the spirit of Mills, and Fisk, and Parsons, securing for it the affection and the confidence of the churches, and inspiring high hope in behalf of a perishing world.

The reports of Foreign Ecclesiastical bodies, in correspondence with this, are of such a character as to assure us that our hopes, our interests, our responsibilities are one,—that we have a common faith, and a common Father,—that we are members of the same church, and hope to inhabit the same house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, speak of a partial suspension of that divine influence, with which they have for years been blessed. More than two-thirds of their Presbyteries, however, have enjoyed, to a greater or less extent, the effusions of the Holy Ghost. The dark cloud which seemed to be gathering over them, has been scattered away,—their councils have been harmonious and peaceful, and that spirit, which seeks to bring all the perishing children of men into the great family of God, seems to be fast swallowing up every other interest.

About three thousand have been added to the churches in Connecticut, during the past year. These churches are enjoying an unusual degree of peace and external prosperity. Though the special influences of the divine Spirit have been, in a measure withholden, yet there are not a few places that are enjoying manifest tokens of God's favor. In the Theological

Seminary connected with Yale College, there exists a more than ordinary interest in the subject of Foreign Missions; and an unusual number of its members have consecrated themselves to the work of the ministry among the heathen.

The churches in Vermont are united in sentiment, in feeling, and in benevolent enterprise. They are carrying forward, with energy and success, the Sabbath School cause, the Temperance reformation, and the great work of evangelizing a world.

The churches in New-Hampshire, are enjoying the presence of God. If his presence is less perceptible than formerly, in the awakening and conversion of sinners, it is distinctly seen in his causing his covenant people to abound in every good work. Every Congregational Minister in the State belongs to a Temperance Society; and about seven-eighths of all the members of the churches, are in favor of the doctrine of total abstinence.

With the churches in Maine, the past year has not been distinguished as a year of the right hand of the Most High. Yet, in several of the churches connected with the General Conference, there have been indications of the special presence of God. The Theological Seminary at Bangor, is in a more prosperous condition than ever before since its foundation; and it promises to perform a most important service, for our church and our land, in supplying the Great Valley of the *East* with a preached gospel.

The churches connected with the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are enjoying distinguished prosperity. And their example, in deeds of charity, and in efforts to benefit the rising generation, is worthy of universal imitation.

In thus reviewing the dealings of God with us, the past year, we perceive that he has, notwithstanding our ingratitude, our inactivity, and our unbelief, poured down upon us, infinitely beyond what we have deserved, the blessing of his grace. He has done it for his name's sake, and for his own glory. To him belongs praise; but to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have departed from the Lord our God.

While we rejoice in the blessings bestowed upon our churches, we have to lament over the worldliness and stupidity which bind them to the earth. The tidings from almost every Association are, that the influences of the divine Spirit, have been, in a great measure withdrawn. In many places, where, but a few months since, the trophies of redeeming mercy were multiplied as the drops of the morning, not a sinner is now heard inquiring the way of life,—no breath breathes upon the slain,—no shaking is heard among the bones, and there is not a single resurrection to

immortal life. And why is the pall of death thus settling down and shutting in, upon nearly every point of our horizon? Is the Lord's arm shortened that he cannot save? Is his ear heavy that he cannot hear? Are we *delivered*, to suffer these things? And shall we fold up our hands and wait, in inaction and unbelief, for God's own appointed time of reviving us again to return? Or shall we remember whence we are fallen, and repent, and do our first works,—turn unto God with our whole heart, and give him no rest, till he turn the parched ground into pools of living water?

We have spoken of our churches as enjoying peace and external prosperity. But it may be questioned, whether a season of the partial supension of divine influence, is ever a season of prosperity. Is it not rather a season of chastisement, a day of rebuke, for the sins which God's own children have committed against him? Brethren, there is an awful responsibility resting upon us, at this hour. We are called upon by the indications of a frowning providence, by the multitudes that are perishing around us, and by the judgment throne, before which we shall shortly stand, to answer for abused mercies,—we are called upon to prostrate ourselves, in the deepest humiliation, at the foot of the cross, and cry, God be merciful to us sinners. Hear, O Lord, the prayer of thy servants, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate. O Lord, hearken, and do and defer not, for thine own sake, for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of Massachusetts, in sending to the churches their annual address, are desirous of awakening in them an higher interest in the cause of truth and righteousness.

Brethren, beloved in the Lord,

As we are allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, we would never forget the solemn responsibilities of our office. We are under the direction of our common Master, and can do neither less nor more than he teaches. All that *He* has set before us, we must present to you, and urge upon you with considerations of everlasting moment. We *would be* affectionate and earnest—we *must be* plain and faithful. We are your servants for Jesus' sake. Brethren, pray for us, that we may not labor in vain, but may be instrumental of increasing your love, strengthening your faith, confirming your hopes, and perfecting all your graces.

1. We exhort you to maintain the character you profess. You profess to be the disciples of Christ, and to have been renewed in the temper of your mind by the special operations of the Holy Spirit. You have publicly and solemnly taken Heaven and Earth to witness that you are not your own. Your professed relation to the Lord Jesus, is founded upon your belief that you are really and experimentally acquainted with the christian religion. Live as his servants. *God* expects it of you. Your activity must appear in working out your salvation. All your spiritual affections must flow out, in the various acts of devotion. When holiness is found in the heart, its effect must be seen in the life. *Jesus* expects that you will honor your profession by unreserved devotedness to him. His love and cross procure

for you no release from the obligations imposed by the moral law. The communication of his Spirit never leads, to shun the duties of the gospel, and avoid self-denial; and the power of his grace will always lead you to glorify him in your "body and spirit which are his." Your *brethren* who have obtained like precious faith, expect that you will always remember, with lively interest, the time when you avouched Jehovah to be your God, and publicly sealed the act. They look to you as fellow pilgrims, and need your zealous co-operation. They find their own burdens sufficiently great for them to bear, without being pressed down with sorrow, that you have halted in your way, and seem inclined to turn again to the weak and beggarly elements of this world. Love as brethren. Provoke one another only to love and good works. Labor, with zeal, to assist each other in the life of uninterrupted piety.

The men of this *world*, ungodly men, expect you will maintain the character you profess. Their eyes are fixed upon you, and they can see the spirit you manifest, and the character you form. Always opposed to the purity of the gospel, let no walk, conversation, or conduct of yours, strengthen their prejudices, and confirm their opposition. Satisfy not yourselves, if in their view you are blameless. Something is to be *done* to form them the children of God. If you make your religion to appear by your life, if your light shine, they will see it, and thus you will give to them the most convincing evidence of the nature, purity, and power of your religion. They will see its importance in their own case. So far as you may be instrumental of good to them, you must live according to your profession. Give up yourselves to the guidance of the Spirit. Employ all your powers under the influence of divine grace, and fill up your life with the holy duties of the gospel.

2. We beseech you, dear brethren, let the system of faith you adopt, be ever attended with its corresponding works. What can it profit, though a man *say* he hath faith? Can faith save him? You embrace the faith once delivered to the saints, the faith of apostles, of martyrs, and of all the faithful in every age. You receive, without hesitation or reserve, all the counsel of God. But if your faith have not works, it is dead, being alone. Every doctrine has its corresponding duty. You therefore look in vain for acceptance in your deeds when they flow not from the system of faith set before you in the scriptures, or spring not up in the heart sanctified by the truth. "I will show thee my faith by my works." If you would recommend the gospel, make it appear that it is not a system of barren specu-

lations, having nothing to do with the heart and life, and that holiness and salvation are as easily obtained without as with it. All that is pure, and lovely, and of good report, is to be traced back to it, under a divine influence. Let faith and works be joined in bonds of lasting friendship, and more will be done to convince gainsayers, and silence cavillers, than can ever be done by the most clear and conclusive reasoning. It is the force of truth, it is the argument of fact, it is *the faith*, bursting forth in all its light and power, to convince, to soften, to subdue, and to save.

3. Let the object of your prayers be accompanied with your own unwearied efforts. All that you ask God to do for yourselves or others, you must be willing for him to do. You must be willing for God to answer your prayers in his own way. It is evident that God requires your wisdom, and prudence, and activity, as well as your prayers. Though Christ knew that his prayers were always heard, yet he could not cast himself from the pinnacle of the Temple, with the hope of safety. Paul had evidence that those who sailed with him would escape the dangers of the deep, yet the sailors must not make their escape from the ship. The slothful man may pray for his daily bread, while he refuses to plough by reason of the cold. He can have no reasonable prospect that God will answer him by giving unto him the object of his prayers. It is not the nature of the divine government to allow men to abandon reason, and give up themselves to folly, and then flee for refuge to the absolute supremacy or sovereignty of God. Men are indeed to pray to him, "with all prayer, lifting up holy hands." At the same time, they are to employ wisely their own agency, that their prayers may be answered. Dear brethren, is there not a radical defect here? Not that you have forgotten to pray,—that you never enter your closet,—but that you have confined your services there, and have done nothing after you came out, that God would answer your prayers, and pour you out his blessing. If God has seemed to shut out your prayers, by not giving you the object sought, ascertain the *cause*. You are "not straitened in God." Is it in your heart or life? "Your iniquities have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear." When you pray for grace that you may be enabled faithfully to watch over yourselves, you must perform the duty of watchfulness. When you ask God to send salvation to your house, be faithful in urging upon your family the truth, and the service of God. And when you pray for the conversion of the world, follow your prayers with your own labors, and charities, until the day of your death. God accom-

plishes all these objects, by the activity, fidelity, and benevolence of his people. And now, brethren, separate not that which God hath joined together. Soon your warfare will be accomplished, and your work done. And when you have ascended the hill of Zion, you will never regret that in this vale of tears, you were allowed to labor for God, and that he condescended to accept your feeble efforts in fulfilling his own will. "Now unto him, who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen."

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session in June, 1833.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug, 25, 1819	72	167	239	5	5	10	2	4	0	5	6	220	40
" North,			22	48	70	6	3	9	0	10	0	4	2	75	0
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	69	203	272	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	10	309	165
G. Barrington,	Sylvester Burt,	Feb. 12, 1823	67	148	215	2	7	9	6	9	0	2	6	355	20
N. Marlborough, N.	Harley Coodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	63	132	195	0	3	3	2	4	0	0	8	0	100
" South,	Erastus Clapp,	Oct. 14, 1829	19	46	65	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	62	20
Tyringham,	Lucius Field,	1833	58	95	153	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	6	50	0
Sandisfield,	Platt Tyler Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	54	128	182	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	117	0
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	50	103	153	6	0	6	1	14	0	2	5	165	in both.
Pittsfield,	John W. Yeomans,	March 7, 1832	205	425	657	72	13	85	5	6	1	21	21	400	30
Lanesborough,	Henry B. Hooker,	May 2, 1827	30	70	100	5	2	7	0	3	0	0	13	70	30
Williamstown,	Ralph W. Gridley,	Oct. 9, 1816	200	333	533	32	4	36	7	24	0	14	27	403	188*
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	59	122	181	1	4	5	2	5	0	1	10	100	18
Lenox,	S'l Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	151	211	362	0	0	0	7	6	0	0	14	180	30
Peru,	Joseph L. Brewster,	Dec. 29, 1824	73	115	188	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5	230	in both.
Windsor,	Gordon Dorrance,	July 1, 1795	43	88	131	1	5	6	2	2	0	1	16	210	in both.
Windsor, 2d P.			12	25	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Lee,	Alvan Hyde, D. D.	June 6, 1792	136	234	370	7	7	14	6	13	0	2	19	300	0
Dalton,	Ebenezer Jennings,	Sept. 8, 1802	27	58	85	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	6	75	20
W. Stockbridge,	Munson C. Gaylord,	Feb. 4, 1829	19	70	89	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	75	20
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	48	88	136	0	2	2	0	7	0	0	7	140	20
Otis,	Rufus Pomeroy,	Feb. 15, 1832	43	77	120	5	2	7	1	5	0	2	3	51	12
Egremont,			19	47	66	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	50	20
Adams, North,	Caleb B. Tracy,	July 11, 1832	36	81	117	21	14	35	1	8	0	4	11	103	30
Mount Washington,			7	17	24	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	35	0
Canaan, 4 Cor. N. Y.	Cyrus Hudson,	March 2, 1831	35	81	116	7	4	11	4	7	0	4	9	120	30
		Total,	1622	3228	4860	173	77	250	62	155	2	63	215	3860	843

*Fifty are Students in Williams College.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—*Not Reported.*

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashfield,	M. G. Grosvenor,	1833	113	182	295	21	4	25	6	3	0	5	6	About 300	
Bernardston, T. So.	(Vacant,)		12	16	28	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	13	About 25
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	64	136	200	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	2		12
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	March 16, 1825	50	99	149	11	2	13	0	1	0	5	10	About 200	
Colerain,	Aretas Loomis,	August 4, 1829	26	89	115	11	1	12	2	0	0	5	1	150	
Conway,	Daniel Crosby,										0				
Erving's Grant,	(Vacant,)		2	15	17	3	14	17	0	0	0	1	5	35	20
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	(Supply.)													
Greenfield, 1st Par.	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832			50	1	6	7		2			2		
Greenfield, 2d Par.	Thomas Bellows,	March 13, 1833	27	73	100	4	0	4	2	6	0	1	5	100	
Hawley, 1st Par.	Jonathan Grout,	Oct. 23, 1893	110	152	262	30	2	32	3	5	0	7	35	300	
Hawley, 2d Par.	(Vacant,)														
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	100	186	286	1	0	0	6	20	0	1	3	300	
Montague,	(Vacant,)														
Northfield, Trin. So.	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831,	16	42	58	4	1	5	2	1	0	1	2	94	20
Rowe, Evan, So.	(Vacant,)														
Shelburne,	The. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799	70	135	205	3	1	4	3	1	0	2	4	150	100
	The. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828													
Warwick, Trin. So.	(Vacant,)		11	29	40	4	1	5	0	4	0	0	1	90	
Wendell,	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	73	102	174	24	2	26	3	4	0	5	2	145	40
		Total,	673	1256	1978	120	35	164	33	48	0	33	84	1382	177

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Williamsburg,	Henry Lord,	June 20, 1824	92	170	262			13			10		35	300	
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale,	Sept. 1, 1779	71	125	196		5	5	7				5	120	
	H. B. Chapin,	July 8, 1829													
Southampton,	Morriss E. White,	June 20, 1821			416	56	3	59							
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	71	138	209	18		18	4	4			13		
Northampton,	Solomon Williams,	June 5, 1772													
	Joseph Penny,	1833													
Hatfield,	Levi Pratt,	June, 1830	41	100	141	5	2	7	1	2			4	200	
Whateley,	(Vacant,)														
South Deerfield,	(Vacant,)														
Sunderland,	H. B. Holmes,	1823													
Leverett,	Freegrace Reynolds,	1833													
Hadley, 1st Soc.	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831			374	32	6	38	7	4	2		35		
Amherst, 2d Par.	N. Perkins,	Oct. 10, 1810	87	168	255		10	10	9	9	1		14	170	50
Amherst, 1st Par.	(Vacant,)														
Amherst, 3d Par.	Aaron Gates,	1832													
Amherst, 4th Par.	W. W. Hunt,	March 7, 1827													
S. Hadley, 1st Ch.	Artemas Boies,	Feb. 25, 1824	77	146	223		6	6	5	6	1		20	240	
S. Hadley, 2d Ch.	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	25	58	83	6	3	9	1	1		2	3	92	
Granby, 1st Par.	Joseph Knight,	March 10, 1830	66	130	196		4	4	2	1			12	230	
Granby, 2d Par.	Elijah Gridley,	May, 1797	54	91	145		3	3	3	3			11	150	100
	Eli Moody,	Dec. 29, 1830													
Belchertown,	(Vacant,)				500										
Enfield,	Joshua Crosby,	1789			275	15	7	22		6	3		19	320	
	S. G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1828													
Prescott,	E. Brown,	1827													
Greenwich,	J. Patrick,	1830													
		Total,	534	1126	1710	132	49	194	39	41	18	2	172	1822	150

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Monson,	Alfred Ely,	Dec. 17, 1806	133	252	385	5	2	7	3	17	1	3	2	500	
Wilbraham, S. Par.			42	85	127	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	85	
Wilbraham, N. Par.	Israel G. Rose,	April 18, 1832	42	92	134	16	2	18	2	2	0	15	6	85	25
Ludlow,	Ebenezer B. Wright,	Dec. 8, 1819	58	101	159	14	0	14	1	6	0	3	13	104	20
L. Meadow, 1st Par.	J. B. Condit,	July, 1831	68	133	201	36	7	43	1	2	1	12	21	175	125
L. Meadow, 2d Par.	Calvin Foote,	April 15, 1831	40	75	115	11	9	20	0	4	0	2	19	85	25
Springfield, 1st Par.	Sam'l Osgood, D.D.	Jan. 25, 1809	289	335	624	18	14	32	5	5	0	8	23	620	260
Springfield, 2d Par.	Alexander Phoenix,	April, 1824	16	50	66									83	
Springfield, Fac. Vil.	George Nichols,	(Supply.)	14	56	70	1	2	3	1	10	0	0	0	150	50
West " 1st Par.	Tho's E. Vermilye,	May, 1830	61	189	250	4	2	6	2	7	0			250	60
W. S. Ireland Par.	Stephen Hayes,	(Supply.)			70										
W. S. Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	38	72	110	1	8	9	3	3	0	1	6	70	18
W. S. Feeding Hills,	Hervey Smith,	Aug. 30, 1830	18	65	83	1	5	6	0	2	0	0	7	65	25
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 16, 1803	100	262	362	10	0	10	4	6	0	0	12	450	150
Russell,			7	17	24									30	
Montgomery,	Solomon W. Edson,	Oct. 1832	18	55	73										
Blandford,	Dorus Clarke,	Feb. 5, 1823	60	131	191	11	1	12	4	11	0	6	8	300	30
Southwick,			22	53	75	6		6						60	10
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D.D.	Feb. 3, 1796	53	108	161	13	0	13	2	5	0	2	6	120	55
Granville, Middle,	Joel Baker,	June 21, 1797	22	46	68		0	0	5	3	0	0	2	50	
Tolland,	Oren Cooley,	(Supply.)			70									60	
		Total,	1101	2177	3418	147	52	199	33	84	2	52	131	3342	853

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	52	126	178	15	2	17	2	3	0	9	6	230	
Brookfield, 1st,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	125	235	360	3	7	10	4	11	0	1	6		
Brookfield, 2d,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801	20	41	61	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	4	107	
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Feb. 2, 1814	86	175	261	14	8	22	4	10	3	6	29	275	
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	47	142	189	10	0	10	4	0	0	2	5		
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786													
	J. Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	48	102	150	8	4	12	1	12	0	4	11	268	20
Southbridge,	Henry J. Lamb,	June 6, 1833	25	70	95	10	0	10	3	1	0	9	0		
Sturbridge,	Joseph S. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	89	202	291	94	11	105	2	1	0	54	25	300	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	30	97	127	62	2	64	1	3	0	21	23		
Ware, 1st,	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	63	132	195	2	1	3	6	3	2	0	6	155	
Ware, East,	Parsons Cooke,	June 21, 1826	74	190	264	7	16	23	1	12	0	2	10		
Barre,	M. G. Grosvenor,	Nov. 1832	43	90	133	13	1	14	1	13	1	5	6	200	
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 11, 1832	51	124	175	9	4	13	1	4	0	3	16	200	60
Petersham,	William Wolcott,	Oct. 20, 1830	26	54	80	9	3	12	2	2	0	2	2	106	26
Hardwick,	Martyn Tupper,	April 16, 1828	72	157	229	15	2	17	1	5	0	7	2		
Charlton,	(Vacant,)		28	80	108	19	0	19	3	2	0	28	15	80	40
Western,	Charles Fitch,	June 6, 1832													
Holland,	(Vacant,)														
		Total,	884	2117	2901	290	63	353	38	94	6	105	166	1971	146

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Douglas,	David Holman,	Oct. 18, 1808	55	124	179	31	2	33	1	2		13	5	100	40
Grafton,	John Wilde,	June, 1832			202	13	7	20	4	4				204	
Cong. Ch. Milbury,	Osgood Herrick,	Dec. 9 1830	81	146	227	21	2	23	4	4		12	10	230	40
Presbyterian "East,	(Vacant,)		69	108	177	19	11	30	4	4	1	4	24	200	30
Ev. So. N. Mendon,	J. M. S. Perry,	Nov. 9, 1831	18	46	64	10	1	11	1	1		8	1	60	
Millville,	(Vacant.)														
Northbridge,	S. H. Fletcher,	March, 1832			114	13	2	15	1			4	21	200	
Sutton,	John Maltby,	June, 1826	70	164	234	27	3	30	5	7	1	14	27		
Ward,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1823	76	152	228	8	3	11	0	1	1	1	17	120	
Westborough,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 26, 1808	86	186	272	32	2	34	2	9	1	19	11	290	50
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,														
Evan. Cong. Soc. Uxbridge,	David A. Grosvenor,	June, 1832	41	129	170	36	4	40	3	3		23	26	182	115
		Total,	496	1055	1867	210	37	247	25	35	4	98	142	1586	275

John Crane, D. D.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Boylston,	William H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	65	90	155	7	0	7	1	2	0	3	4	144	20
West Boylston,															
Shrewsbury,															
Worcester, 1 Ch.	R. A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			361	40	11	51	3	11	0	16	38	300	35
Worcester, Cal. Ch.	J. S. C. Abbott,	Jan. 28, 1830	88	134	222	24	10	34	0	4	2	1	6	100	
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	91	158	249	45	7	52	1	2	0	14	17	200	100
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	82	150	232	5	2	7	3	4	0	2	40	290	
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	70	140	210	53	3	56	3	2		24	20	140	
Paxton,	Moses Winch,	Sept. 21, 1831	33	69	102	13	2	15	1	2	1	11	16	90	100
Holden,	(Vacant,)														
Oxford,	—— Robbins,														
		Total,	429	741	1170	187	35	222	12	27	3	135	71	1234	255

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	61	124	185	31		31	1			10			
Athol,	B. B. Beckwith,	June, 1831	37	85	122									200	
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	55	113	168	11	2	13				4	3	75	70
Phillipston,	Joseph Chickering,	July 10, 1822	75	147	223										
Princeton,	A. Phillips,	June 7, 1820	70	112	182										
Royalston,	E. Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	88	157	245	7	2	9	6	8		6	14	200	
Templeton,	Lemuel P. Bates,	Jan. 16, 1833	23	40	63							7	5	130	
Winchendon,	E. L. Clark,	Oct. 18, 1820	45	115	160	8	1	9	5	4	1	2	5	100	
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	105	238	343	17	1	18	4	10		9	10	205	60
		Total,	559	1131	1691	297	6	80	16	22	1	38	37	910	130

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants,		
Acton Evan. Soc.	Jas. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	24	65	89	24	68	92	2		1	18	4	50	100
Ashby Calv. Cong.	(Vacant.)		46	79	125	17		17				6	13	150	
Bolton Evan. Cong.	John W. Chickering,	April 14 1830	41	66	107	18	5	23		6	1	11	11	178	80
Boxboro' Trin. Soc.	(Vacant.)		12	35	47	9		9		1				25	30
Dunstable Evan. Ch.	E. W. Goodman,	Jan. 1832	30	79	109	11	1	12	5	6		3		93	35
Fitchburg Cal. Con.	John A. Albro,	May 9, 1832	75	175	250	80	7	87	2	14		16	2	300	150
Groton Union Ch.	Ch. B. Kittredge,*														
Harvard Cal. Cong.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	55	132	187	30		30	2	7		10	9	140	
Leominster Ev. Con.	Ochus G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	30	64	94	4	2	6						89	30
Pepperell Ev. Con.	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	110	201	311	87	6	93	4	1		45	39	225	175
Shirley Ev. Cong.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	11	28	39	7		7		1		2	6	90	30
Townsend Or. C. C.	William M. Rogers,	Feb. 16, 1831	96	155	251	29	2	31	1	2		13	19	150	35
Westford Union Ch.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	41	100	141	25	5	30	2	2		8	8	155	50
		Total,	571	1189	1750	341	96	437	18	30	2	132	111	1645	765

*Pastor elect.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
East Sudbury,	(None.)		11	47	58	14	6	20	0	0		6	1	50	0
Natick,	(Vacant.)		62	99	161	7	1	8	0	3		6		120	40
Northborough,	Samuel A. Fay,	1832	11	28	39	15	24	39	0	0		4	0	35	70
Holliston,	Elijah Demond,	Oct. 31, 1832	63	120	183	0	6	6	2	9		0	1	200	20
Marlborough,	(None.)				78	21	1							120	
Southborough P. Ch.	Walter Follett,	Oct. 1832				31								110	60 or 70
Berlin,	(None.)		34	50	84	0				14				75	80
Sherburne,	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 1830	57	88	145	12	0	12	3	0		7			20
Concord,															
Hopkinton,	{ D. Kellogg, D. D.														
Framingham,	{ George Trask,	Sept. 18, 1830	69	112	281	27	2	29	10	1		2	22	175	
		Total,	307	544	1529	127	40	114	15	27		25	24	905	300

HAVERHILL ASSOCIATION—*Not Reported.*

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Andover, S. Parish,	Milton Badger,	Jan. 3, 1828	148	346	494	88	4	92	8	8	0	18	23	640	
Andover, W. Parish,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	63	112	175	47	5	52	4	5	0	14	17	300	
Andover, The. Sem.	R. Emerson, D. D.	1829	45	17	*62	4	17	21	0	18	0	0	1	40	40
Bedford,	Samuel Stearns,	April 27, 1796	55	105	160	8	3	11	3	3	0	3	26	94	20
Billerica,	Isaac Jones,	Stated supply.	9	32	41	7	0	7	0	0	0	2	6	25	10
Boxford, 1st Parish.	Isaac Briggs,	Sept. 28, 1808	13	39	52	14	1	15	1	0	0	5	8	0	
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	April 13, 1814	19	57	76	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	
Chelmsford 2d Con. Church,	D. L. Southmayd,	Stated supply.	17	24	41	6	1	7	0	2	0	2	4	35	
Lowell, 1st Church,	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	27	359	386	94	42	136	0	86	2	45	16	500	
Lowell, 2d Church,	William Twining,	Oct. 4, 1831	53	269	322	105	22	127	4	22	1	52	10	450	
Lowell, 3d Church,	(Vacant.)		16	67	83	2	5	7	0	1					
Lynnfield,	(Vacant.)		11	40	51	11	0	11	0	0	0	5	4	40	
Methuen, 1st Parish,	Sylvester G. Pierce,	June 27 1832	36	106	142	50	8	58	4	1	0	26	1	150	
Methuen, W. Parish,	(Vacant.)		8	22	30	10	0	10	0	0	0	5	0	40	12
Reading, N. Parish,	(Vacant.)		20	55	75	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	75	40
Reading, S. Parish,	(Vacant.)		93	143	236	41	1	42	4	1	0	4	24	458	
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804	44	108	152	10	1	11	8	0	0	4	11	130	
Stoneham,	Jonas Colburn,	Aug. 1, 1832	26	65	91	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	7	130	25
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 22, 1806	64	143	207	13	0	13	0	0	0	7	34	200	50
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	May 18, 1831	27	74	101	43	0	43	2	0	0	12	44	100	60
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	166	324	490	48	3	51	6	2	3	16	9	350	500
		Total,	960	2507	3467	610	113	723	47	150	6	224	246	3757	757

Justin Edwards, D. D.

*Including resident members only. N. B. The Bible Classes in many Congregations, are connected with the Sabbath Schools.

ESSEX MIDDLE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ipswich, 1st Parish,	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	55	158	213	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	9	200	250
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	25	104	129	14	0	14	2	0	0	2	11	200	
Linebrook Parish,	(Vacant.)		14	20	34	4	1	5	0	0	0	3	2	50	50
Rowley, 1st,	Willard Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	40	73	113	13	1	14	2	1	0	6	6	120	30
Rowley, 2d,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	46	84	130	19	1	20	2	1	0	6	1	250	70
Byfield Parish,	(Vacant.)		81	97	178	53	2	55	2	1	0	24	7	0	0
Bradford, East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814			205			7	2	2		5	4	200	
West Newbury, 1st,	(Vacant.)		33	76	109	38	2	40	0	1	0	25	10	120	
West Newbury, 2d,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	35	108	143	48	0	48	3	1	1	32	11	150	32
Amesbury, West,	Peter S. Eaton,	Sept. 20, 1826	43	96	139	10	0	10	1	0	0	6	4	150	100
Amesbury, East,	Benjamin Sawyer,	June, 1816													
Salisbury, West,			8	31	39	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	47	75
Newbury, 1st Parish,	Leon'rd Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	40	110	150	10	0	0	2	3	un	known		220	100
" Belleville Parish,	James Miltimore, John March,	April 27, 1808 March 1, 1832	41	92	133	54	1	55	0	1	1	28	7	95	
Newburyport North Church,	Luther F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	62	236	298	45	1	46	4	1		23	26	250	
		Total,	523	1285	2012	316	9	332	26	17	2	144	98	2042	707

ASSOCIATION OF SALEM AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
1st Con. Ch. Marblehead,	Samuel Dana,	Oct. 7, 1801													
	Samuel W. Cozzens,	August 8, 1832	45	259	304	41	7	43	6	5	0	1	43	200	60
Third Ch. Salem,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	75	247	322	13	0	13	6	3	1	8	17	440	150
Gloucester, 3d Par.	David Jewett,	Oct. 29, 1805	80	152	232	23	1	29	4	0	0	9	16	230	40
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	37	84	121	2	0	2	2	4	1	1	6	132	None.
3d Ch. Beverly,	David Oliphant,	Feb. 18, 1818	76	222	298	44	0	44	4	1	0	7	33	200	50
Wenham,	Ebenezer P. Sperry,	March 29, 1820	32	68	100	23	0	23	0	1	1	14	7	60	None.
Manchester,	Samuel M. Emerson,	Sept. 1, 1821	25	150	175	8	0	8	2	0	0	5	1	150	None.
Hamilton,	Joseph B. Felt,	June 16, 1824	19	63	82	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	91	None.
Danvers, North,	Milton P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	54	141	195	37	2	39	3	0	0	19	38	250	30
Tabernacle, Salem,	John P. Cleaveland,	Feb. 14, 1827	83	370	453	26	5	31	5	15	1	9	24	570	Biblical Lecture.
Danvers, South,	George Cowles,	Sept. 12, 1827	28	123	151	28	0	28	0	1	2	14	41	200	Not certain.
Topsfield,	James F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	50	131	181	48	0	48	2	2	0	27	5	200	None.
Gloucester, Annisquam,	Moses Sawyer,	March 2, 1831	4	11	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	40	None.
Middleton,	Forest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	30	72	102	32	2	34	4	0	0	7	19	110	20
Evan. Ch. Gloucester Harbor,	Charles S. Porter,	Aug. 1, 1832	5	41	46	25	3	28	1	0	0	8	7	50	25
Lynn, 1st Church,	David Peabody,	Nov. 15, 1832	32	96	128	3	3	6	2	0	0	1	15	140	Uncertain.
Crombie St. Salem,	William Williams,	Nov. 22, 1832	25	128	153	17	2	19	4	2	0	9	1	150	None.
1st Con. Ch. Saugus,	Sidney Holman,	Jan. 16, 1833	6	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20
Howard St. Salem,	George B. Cheever,	Feb. 13, 1833	23	42	65	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	50	None.
		Total,	734	2416	3150	379	26	405	48	34	6	139	275	3373	

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish,	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Boston, Old South,	(Vacant.)		111	420	531	13	0	13		12	4	2	18	325	75
" Green St.	William Jenks, D.D.	Oct. 25, 1826	51	174	225	5	16	21	1	9	1	0	13	100	12
" Bowdoin St.	H. Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	128	205	333	27	9	36						100	
" Salem St.	G. W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1830	91	182	273	37	14	51	2	5	1	11	no return	no return.	50
1st Ch. Charlestown,	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	49	263	312	7	2	9	4	45	0	2	14	490	150
2d Ch. Medford,	Gordon Winslow,	June 12, 1833	36	75	111	20	1	21	1	2	0	4	4	145	20
Church in Lincoln,	E. Newhall,				94	14								80	
Trin. Ch. Waltham,	Sewall Harding,	Jan. 17, 1821													
1st Ch. Newton,	Jona. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1732													
	James Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827	72	184	256	80	10	90	5	5	0	28	12	150	30
2d Church, Newton,	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1823	40	50	90	19	2	21	1	0	0	8	3	80	20
1st Ch. Cambridge,	N. Adams,	Dec. 17, 1829	25	90	115			21	2	3	1	7			
Cambridgeport,	William A. Stearns,		11	58	69	16			2	5		4	11	106	
		Total,	614	1701	2409	238	54	283	13	91	7	66	75	1576	357

B. B. Wisner.
R. Anderson.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Boston, Park st. Ch.	Joel H. Linsley,	Nov. 1832			350	7	4	11		20				200	100
" Union Ch.	Samuel Green,	March 26, 1823	116	347	463	61	14	75	2	11	3			335	90
" Pine st. Ch.	Amos A. Phelps,	Sept. 13, 1832	48	98	146	16	3	19	2	10	0	2	7	200	
South Boston Ch.	Joy H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	43	91	134	13	12	25	3	2	2	2	6	100	
Boston, Mariners Ch.	J. Greenleaf,	Feb. 13, 1830	16	27	43	11	8	19	0	3	1	4	5	48	
Dedham, 1st Ch.	Ebenezer Burgess,	March 13, 1831	67	188	255	55	12	67	4	20	0	16	27	150	125
Dedham, South Ch.	Harrison G. Park,	Dec. 16, 1829	31	120	151	23	1	24	5	2	1	9	6	75	
Walpole, Orth. Con. Church,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	28	92	120	50	2	52	0	0	0	24	3	82	50
Needham, 2d Ch.	Thomas Noyes,	July 10, 1799	25	67	92	20	0	20	3	1	0	7	4	80	60
Brighton, Evan. Ch.	William Adams,	Feb. 2, 1831	30	85	115	27	0	27	0	22	0	4	6	100	
		Total,	404	1115	1869	283	56	339	19	91	7	68	64	1370	425

Asa Rand,
William Codwell,
Louis Dwight.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
East Randolph,	D. Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1819	44	69	113	41	2	43	3	0	0	18	23	140	0
North Bridgewater,			103	163	266	44	3	47	4	1	0	23	10	400	
Dorchester Village,	D. Sanford,	July 14, 1830	30	103	133	17	11	28	1	6	0	4	14	70	50
First Par. Randolph,	C. Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	50	93	143	29	1	30	1	4	2	13	17	150	
Christian Society in Sharon,	J. Curtis,	Oct. 12, 1825	27	78	105	26	3	29	3	1	0	12	3	30	
Milton,	S. Gile,	Feb. 18, 1807	22	85	107	13	0	13	2	0	0	5	0	76	
Dorchester 2d Ch.	J. Codman, D. D.	Dec. 1808	69	234	303	22	7	29	7	4	0	3	23		150
Union Ch. of Braintree & Weymouth,	J. Perkins,	1815	65	121	186	47	5	52	2	2	0	22	25	150	50
North Church "	J. Bent, Jr.	Oct. 13, 1824	50	124	174	15	4	19	4	6	2	12	15	100	
Union Ch. E. and W. Bridgewater,	B. Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	25	43	68	3	1	4	2	1	0	1	5	130	
Braintree South Ch.	L. Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	15	26	41	14	1	15		4		12	11	85	
Quincy,															
		Total,	500	1139	1639	271	38	309	29	29	4	105	151	1331	250
Easton,	Rev. L. Sheldon,	No return.													

TAUNTON AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Trin. Con. Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	67	167	234	3	4	7	7	1	2	2	20	430	
Freetown,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 1829	10	30	40	9		9		1		6	2	40	50
Dighton,	Preston Cummings,	Dec. 26, 1827	22	47	69	4		4	3	4		1	6	100	
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	90	120	2	2	4	2					130	70
Berkley,	Thomas Andros,	March 19, 1783	34	60	94	19	1	20	1	3			12	90	
Taunton, W.	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	25	97	122	5	6	11		1		2	7	150	
N. Middleborough,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	41	109	150	1		1					1	100	130
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	49	125	174	42	4	46		2		20	16	350	100
Middleborough, 2d,	John Shaw,	July, 1819	23	53	86									120	
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,														
		Total,	306	783	1089	85	17	102	13	12	2	31	64	1510	400

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
N. Ch. N. Bedford,	S. Holmes,	1811	73	174	247	4	8	12	6	2	2	2	10	200	30
Trin. Ch. "	J. A. Roberts,	1832													
1st Ch. "	P. G. Seabury,	1830	7	16	23	0	0		0	0	0	0	7	30	20
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	1822	48	129	177	0	0		4	1	0	0	0	200	25
Wareham,	S. Nott, Jr.	1829			174	6	0	6	1	0	0	2	16	130	50
Rochester,	S. Lebarron,	1772													
Mettapoisett,	T. Robbins,	1832	35	80	155	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	10	125	40
Rochester, South,	O. Cobb,	1799	17	41	58	0	0		4	0	0	0	5	80	
Rochester, Centre,	J. Bigelow,	1827	24	81	105	3	0	3	4	0	0	3	0	120	30
Rochester, North,	(Vacant.)														
Edgartown,	(Vacant.)		21	61	82	7	0	7	0	1	0	2	3	50	25
Dartmouth,	T. T. Richman,	1832	8	34	42	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	60	
1st Par. Middleboro',	William Eaton,	1824	60	150	210	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	200	
		Total,	293	766	1233	23	10	33	27	6	2	9	53	1195	170

BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Falmouth 1st Ch.	B. Woodbury,	1824	67	180	247	16			2	2		3	16	200	200
Yarmouth,	N. Cogswell,	1822	22	150	172	6	1	7	5			3	2	150	
South Dennis,	J. Sanford,	1818	10	59	69	1		1				1	2	125	50
Harwich,	Caleb Kimball,	(Supply.)													
West Barnstable,	Enoch Pratt,	1807	65	108	173	12	1					8	6	200	
Eastham,	Phineas Shaw,		20	60	80	1			5				2		
Brewster,	T. Williams,	1831	12	71	82	3		3	1					60	
Wellfleet,	Steph. Bailey,	1830	95	155	250	1		1	1				20	200	40
Truro,	Silas Baker,	1832	48	90	138	1			1				10	100	30
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	1831	79	115	194	49	1	50	3	2	7	17	10	100	35
		Total,	418	988	1405	90	3	62	18	4	7	32	70	1135	355

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1833.			Admissions in 1832.			Removals in 1832.			Baptisms, 1832.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Hanson,	F. P. Howland,	Oct. 25, 1826	11	35	46	6	0	6	1	0		3	4	93	32
Halifax,	E. G. Howe,	Nov. 15, 1832	21	42	63	0	1	1	1	2		0	0	75	0
Plympton,	E. Dexter,	Jan. 13, 1809	38	112	150	7	3	10	1	0		3	1	200	130
Carver,	P. Chase,	Oct. 15, 1823	38	75	113	11	0	11	1	1		1	7	100	0
Plymouth, 2d Par.	J. Barrett,	Jan. 11, 1826	29	56	85	1	0	1	2	0		1	5	120	50
Plymouth, 3d Par.	(Destitute.)		29	102	131										
		Total,	166	422	588	25	4	29	6	3		8	17	2188	212

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms, 1833.		No. in	No. in	Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.	Sab. Sc.	B Class	

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association, at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed at the Annual meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts the last year, "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following;—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian Church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M. at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transact-

ing any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the Minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of delegates in addition.

7. The Minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of a Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a Scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The Rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put?

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the whole session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body, connected with it, shall annually appoint each two delegates to the other, who shall be admitted in each body, to the same rights of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to the Association, to be invited to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address, being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered two o'clock, Thursday P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, &c., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A committee shall be appointed to nominate delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by

them respectively. One copy of each publication received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon. And the Church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN LEE, JUNE, 1834.

MINUTES

OF THE

General Association of Massachusetts,

AT THEIR

MEETING AT LEE, JUNE, 1834;

WITH THE

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled at Lee, in the meeting house of Rev. Joshua N. Danforth, on Tuesday, June 24, 1834, at 5 o'clock, P. M.—and was called to order, agreeably to the rules of the Association, by Rev. Mr. Danforth.

Rev. Samuel Shepard, D. D. was chosen Moderator, Rev. Milton Badger, Scribe, and Rev. Dorus Clarke, Assistant Scribe.

Present from

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Samuel Shepard, D. D. Rev. Cyrus Hudson.
Mountain Association,	Rev. David Kimball, Rev. Caleb Knight.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Levi Pratt, Rev. William W. Hunt.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Dorus Clarke, Rev. Jonathan B. Condit.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Benjamin F. Clarke, Rev. Moses Miller.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Micah Stone, Rev. Joseph S. Clark.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Elisha Rockwood.
Worcester Central Association,	None.
Worcester North Association,	Rev. Sumner Lincoln, Rev. George Goodyear.
Middlesex Union Association.	Rev. William M. Rogers, Rev. James Howe.
South Middlesex Association,	Rev. Samuel Lee.
Andover Association,	Rev. Milton Badger.
Haverhill Association,	None.

Essex North Association,	Rev. Daniel Fitz.
Salem and Vicinity Association,	None.
Suffolk North Association,	None.
Suffolk South Association,	None.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Rev. David Sanford.
Taunton and Vicinity Association,	Rev. Erastus Maltby.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Thomas T. Richmond.
Pilgrim Association,	None.
Barnstable Association.	None.

Foreign Bodies.

Gen. Assem. of the Presb. Church,	Rev. Charles Phillips.
Gen. Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Paul Couch.
Gen. Convention of Vermont,	Rev. Jedediah L. Stark.
Gen. Assoc. of New Hampshire.	Rev. David Perry.
Gen. Conference of Maine,	Rev. Isaac Weston.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. Secretary of the General Association, and Rev. Joshua N. Danforth, Pastor of the Church in Lee, ex-officio, members of the Association.

The Rules of the Association having been read, the Moderator led the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Miller, Rockwood, Condit and Snell, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Maltby, Snell and Hunt, were appointed a Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. Pratt and B. F. Clarke, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Messrs. Crocker & Brewster of Boston, were appointed Agents of the Association for the ensuing year.

Rev. Messrs. Condit, D. Clarke and Knapp, of the Hampden Association, were appointed a Committee to prepare the next Pastoral Address.

Rev. Messrs. J. S. Clark, Pratt and Snell, were appointed a Committee of Nominations.

Rev. Messrs. Pratt, Hunt, Couch, Phillips and Maltby, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion.

Voted, To adjourn, to meet in this house to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

The following resolution was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, adopted May 21, 1834. "*Resolved*, That the several bodies with which we are in friendly correspondence in the New England States, be respectfully requested to use their counsel and influence, to prevent the ordination, by any of their councils, or Consociations, of men, who propose to pursue the work of the ministry within the bounds of any Presbytery belonging to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and that the Delegates from this Assembly to those bodies respectively, be charged with communicating this resolution."

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That we concur in sentiment and feeling with the spirit of the above resolution, and recommend it to the Pastors and Churches in our connexion for their approbation.

The subject of the traffic in ardent spirits, in the South Sea Islands having been presented to the Association, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That we hear with deep regret that some of our countrymen are engaged in exporting ardent spirit to the South Sea Islands, and in selling it to be used as drink; thereby increasing the disease, demoralizing the character, shortening the lives, and endangering the souls, of the inhabitants of that part of the world.

2. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren in those Islands, and in Great Britain, in view of the distresses which these events have brought upon them, and especially in view of the hindrance which they have occasioned to the progress of the gospel, and to the promotion of civilization and Christianity.

3. *Resolved*, That, as ardent spirit is a *poison*, the drinking of which is highly injurious to the bodies and minds of men, as it tends to prevent their intellectual elevation, their social improvement and their eternal salvation; the traffic in it, to be used as a drink, and especially the exporting and furnishing of it to the unevangelized and partially civilized nations and tribes of men, is, in our view, a gross violation of the revealed will of

God,—an *immorality*, which ought to be reprobated and abandoned throughout the world.

4. *Resolved*, That we will cheerfully co-operate with the friends of humanity, by the diffusion of information, the exertion of kind moral influence, and in all suitable ways, to cause a practice so manifestly immoral, so disgraceful to our country, and so destructive to our fellow men, universally to cease.

5. *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is, respectfully and earnestly suggested to the consideration of all pastors and churches, whether the continuance of this traffic, by members of the Church, is not manifestly a violation of the laws of Christ; whether it does not tend to prevent the success of the gospel, and especially among the heathen; and whether suitable and *effectual* measures ought not to be taken to remove an evil so offensive to God, and so hurtful to men, from the Christian Church.

6. *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is, respectfully and earnestly suggested to the consideration of all legislators, whether the perpetuating of this traffic by licensing men to pursue it, is not a violation of the great principles of morality, as well as of political economy; and whether, if the continuance of legislation on this subject is required by the public good, it ought not to be, not on the ground of licensing the sin, but only of defending the community from its evils.

Voted, That the above resolutions be published, under the sanction of the General Association, in the Boston Recorder, with a request to the Editors of other Newspapers in the Commonwealth, to lend their aid in giving them general circulation.

Voted, That the Standing Rules and By-laws of the Association, be published, in connexion with the minutes.

Voted, That it be recommended to the members of our churches, to take with them letters of recommendation, whenever they remove out of the limits of the churches to which they respectively belong.

Rev. Mr. Brigham, Secretary of the American Bible Society, and Rev. Mr. Shepard an Agent of the Society, addressed the Association on the subject of supplying our own country and the world with the Bible; after which, the following resolutions were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That as several years have elapsed since there was a systematic investigation and supply of the destitute families

with the Holy Scriptures, throughout the different counties of this State, and as the population of the same is known to be constantly changing and increasing; it is the opinion of this body, that the time has now come, for the several Auxiliary Bible Societies, to explore anew every section of the Commonwealth, and to furnish, as early as practicable, a copy of the word of life to every household that is without it.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of this Association learn, with profound gratitude, the numerous growing demands for the word of God, particularly in France, Bombay, Ceylon, Burmah and China, and that they feel themselves summoned to renewed efforts, within the bounds of their respective Bible Auxiliaries, to collect funds, and sustain the parent Institution, in their laudable attempts to furnish the Scriptures to the destitute in foreign countries.

3. *Resolved*, That whenever it shall seem expedient to the Managers of the National Institution, to undertake the supply of all the accessible population of the earth with the Bible within some definite period, the members of this Association will endeavor to lead those over whom they may have influence, to perform their part towards the achievement of this great and truly glorious enterprise.

Rev. Mr. Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, addressed the Association in behalf of Sabbath Schools. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the moral and religious influence of Sabbath Schools, as it has been developed in their past history, should secure for this Institution, the confidence, the earnest prayers, and the most hearty patronage of every good citizen, especially of every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Association then adjourned to two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of hearing the narratives of the state of religion.

2 *o'clock, P. M.* Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller. Heard the narratives of the state of religion in the several Associations.

Rev. Mr. Eastman addressed the Association in behalf of the American Tract Society, and the following resolutions were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That this Association render thanks to God, for the evidence we have, that He will make use of the press, in connexion with Christian effort and prayer for the conversion of

the world; and that we do most cordially approve of the resolution of the American Tract Society, to attempt to raise $30,000, the present year, to meet the demand upon them from foreign and unevangelized countries.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice to learn that the American Tract Society at Boston, have resolved to raise $8,000, to be appropriated under the direction of their Executive Committee, as a part of the $30,000 above specified; and also, that they contemplate raising $4,000, the present year, for supplying the destitute in our own country; and that we earnestly recommend to the churches in this State, to continue and increase their endeavors in aid of this and all the other operations of that Society.

Rev. Leonard Withington, was appointed preacher in behalf of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, for next year, and Rev. William M. Rogers, his substitute.

The Committee appointed to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, made the following report which was adopted.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Rev John Brown D. D. } Primaries. Rev. Erastus Maltby, } Sub.
Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, } Rev. Sylvester Burt, }

(Meeting at Pittsburg, May, 1835.)

To the General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. Orin Fowler, } Prim. Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, } Sub.
Rev. James Bradford, } Rev. George Cowles, }

(Meeting at Enfield, third Tuesday of June, 1835.)

To the General Association of New Hampshire,

Rev. Artemas Boies, } Prim. Rev. Hubbard Winslow, } Sub.
Rev. Daniel Fitz, } Rev. Gardner B. Perry, }

(Meeting at Meredith Bridge, first Tuesday of Sept. 1834.)

To the General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. Israel G. Rose, } Prim. Rev. Samuel Russell, } Sub.
Rev. Daniel Crosby, } Rev. Levi Pratt, }

(Meeting at Brandon, second Tuesday of Sept. 1834.)

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,

Rev. George Trask, } Prim. Rev. Joseph S. Clark, } Sub.
Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, } Rev. T. T. Richmond, }

(Meeting second Tuesday of June, 1835.)

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. John Codman, D. D. } Prim. Rev. Alfred Ely, } Sub.
Rev. Joseph Vaill, } Rev. William W. Hunt, }

(Meeting fourth Tuesday of June, 1835.)

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association, be held in the meeting house of Rev. Mr. Trask, within the bounds of the South Middlesex Association.

Voted, To adjourn, to eight o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Rev. Dr. Snell was appointed Moderator, pro tempore. The roll having been called, the Moderator led in prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Messrs. Rockwood, Perry and Rogers.

Rev. Messrs. Badger, Fay, Stearns, Blagden and N. Adams, were appointed a Committee of publication for the present year.

The Pastoral Address was read, by Rev. Mr. Kimball of the Mountain Association. The address was accepted and referred to the Committee of publication, with liberty to make such verbal alterations as they may judge expedient.

A communication was received from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, on the subject of a delegation to attend their annual meetings. The communication was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Snell and Shepard, and Rev. Mr. Maltby, who made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That this body now appoint a Delegate and a Substitute to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, that the Secretary give notice to our brethren in England of said appointment, and transmit to them 20 copies of the printed minutes of the present meeting. The Committee further reported, that this body express their readiness to hold a correspondence with other similar bodies in New England, upon the subject of a joint delegation in future years.

Rev. John Codman, D. D. was appointed a Delegate to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and Rev. Heman Humphrey D. D. his Substitute.

The subject of a religious Newspaper in this Commonwealth having been presented by Rev. Prof. Robinson, in behalf of the Pastoral Association of Massachusetts, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to consider the subject and report, viz. Rev. Messrs. Rockwood, Stone, Maltby, D. Clarke and Hunt. The Committee, after deliberation, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That this Association cordially approve of the measures taken by the Pastoral Association and their General Committee, to secure the publication of a religious Newspaper adapted to the wants of the churches in this Commonwealth.

2. *Resolved*, That having been made acquainted with the arrangement entered into, under the authority of said General Committee, by which Rev. Joseph Tracy, late Editor of the Vermont Chronicle, is to become Editor of the Boston Recorder, we do regard the same as judicious and satisfactory; and we do pledge ourselves, and do earnestly recommend to all our Pastors and churches, to take active measures to procure subscribers and to extend the circulation of the paper in question under the present arrangement, and also under any other which may be made, by authority of the said Committee.

Voted, That the Report of the Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the General Association, to collect information respecting the condition of those churches in this Commonwealth which have been driven from their houses of worship, be postponed to the next meeting of the Association.

Resolved, That in the vote of this body passed at the last annual meeting, and found on the 9th page of the printed minutes, the words, "either as bodies or as individuals," be inserted after the words, "which have been driven," so that it will read thus—"That a Committee be raised" &c.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Pastoral Association, on the subject of Romanism. The communication was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hunt, Condit, B. F. Clarke, Phillips and Perry, who reported the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That the perpetuity of our civil and religious privileges, the prosperity of Zion, and the good of souls, require, that the church should labor diligently, in the spirit of prayer and Christian love, and in all suitable ways, to save our country from the degrading influence of Popery, and bring our fellow citizens into the glorious liberty of the gospel.

2. *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to form any society in relation to this subject.

3. *Resolved*, That the several District Associations be, and they are hereby, recommended to give the subject of Popery, in all its bearings, a serious and prayerful consideration, and communicate to the Committee of the Pastoral Association, of which Rev. Dr. Woods is Chairman, such information as they may possess, or can obtain respecting this subject.

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each District Association, be appointed, to collect information on the subject of Romanism, and report, under the direction of their respective Associations to the Committee of the Pastoral Association.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of this Committee, viz.

Rev. Messrs. Shepard (of the Berkshire Association), Kimball (Mountain), Brown (Hampshire), Clarke (Franklin), Osgood (Hampden), Stone (Brookfield), Rockwood (Harmony), Nelson (Worcester Central), Bates (Worcester North), Lee (South Middlesex), Badger (Andover), Fitz (Essex North), B. Emerson (Salem and Vicinity), Jenks (Suffolk North), Linsley (Suffolk South), Codman (Norfolk), Maltby (Taunton and Vicinity), Holmes (Old Colony), Pratt (Barnstable), Chase (Pilgrim).

Voted, That the Norfolk Association, be requested to appoint the preacher before the next General Association.

Rev. Mr. Badger, in behalf of the American Board, addressed the Association on the subject of Foreign Missions; and the following resolution was unanimously adopted,

Resolved, That this Association, recognizing the obligation and the privilege of the followers of Christ, to promote, as efficiently as practicable, the evangelizing of the world, rejoice in the openings of Providence for missionary efforts in unevangelized countries, and in the advancing resources and operations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and earnestly recommend the object and claims of the Board to the fervent prayer and increased patronage of our churches.

Rev. Mr. Vaill exhibited the objects and prospects of the Lane Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Mr. Phelps, Agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society, by permission, addressed the Association on the subject of Slavery; and Rev. Messrs. Danforth, Storrs and Phillips were

appointed a Committee to prepare and report a minute on the subject.

Rev. Mr. Hudson obtained leave of absence.

On the subject of Home Missions, the Association adopted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the loud and affecting calls, continually coming to our ears, from destitute and dying churches throughout our whole land, do render it the imperative duty of the churches, represented in this body, to make increased efforts in behalf of the American Home Missionary Society, during the present year.

Voted, To adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M. to hear the Associational Sermon.

2 *o'clock, P. M.* Met according to adjournment. The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Lee, of Sherburne, from 1 Cor. iii. 7. and Prov. xi. 30,—and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, then presented a narrative of the state of religion, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed, under the direction of the Committee of Publication.

The Committee on the subject of Slavery, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Slavery existing in this country, by which more than two millions of our countrymen are deprived of their inalienable rights, and held and treated as mere merchandise, is a violation of the law of God and of the fundamental principles of our national government.

2. *Resolved*, That this Association regard those laws and usages in the slave-holding States, which withhold the Bible as a book to be read, from the Slave population, as inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity.

3. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with our enslaved brethren, and commend their cause to the prayers of the Christian church.

4. *Resolved*, That the efforts recently made in some of the slave-holding States for imparting instruction to the slaves, are regarded by us with lively hope and earnest prayers for their universal extension.

5. *Resolved*, That the principles and objects of the American Anti-Slavery Society, so far as they do not come in collision

with those of the American Colonization Society, meet with our approbation.

6. *Resolved*, That this Association recommend the American Colonization Society to the continued support of our churches; and that the usual collections be made, on or about the 4th of July, in aid of its funds.

Resolved, That this Association cordially approve the object and influence of Maternal Associations; and earnestly recommend the formation of them in all the churches, where they are not already formed, and a more general and interested attendance of the pious mothers where they now exist.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches of this Commonwealth, to set apart the first Monday of January next, as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world.

The Auditing Committee reported, that the Treasurer's accounts are correctly cast; that there is a balance on hand of $20, 63; and that they recommend an assessment of fifty cents on each member of the several District Associations, to defray the ordinary expenses of this body.

Whereas the venerable Dr. Hyde was removed from his earthly labors by death, while he was expecting to receive and welcome this Association,

Resolved, That we cherish his memory, as an able, faithful, wise and much respected Minister of Jesus Christ, and affectionately sympathize with his bereaved family, church and people.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Danforth be requested to communicate the above resolution to his people, and transmit a copy of it to the family of the late Dr. Hyde.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented, through the agency of Rev. Mr. Danforth, to the church and people under his pastoral care, for their kindness and hospitality extended to this Association during their present sessions; and also to the choir of singers, for their very acceptable services.

Voted, That the foregoing minutes be accepted as a true record of the doings of this body.

After prayer, by Rev. Mr. Miller, the Association adjourned, Sine die.

SAMUEL SHEPARD, *Moderator.*
MILTON BADGER, *Scribe.*
DORUS CLARKE, *Assistant Scribe.*

Lee, June 26, 1834.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with Thomas Snell, Treasurer.

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June 27, 1833.	By Balance in the Treasury,		$56 41
June 25, 1834.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:		
	Berkshire Association,	$8 50	
	Mountain,	3 50	
	Hampshire,	8 50	
	Franklin,	5 00	
	Hampden,	8 50	
	Brookfield,	6 50	
	Harmony,	5 00	
	Worcester Central,	0 00	
	Worcester North,	5 00	
	Middlesex Union,	6 00	
	South Middlesex,	4 50	
	Andover,	3 50	
	Haverhill,	0 00	
	Essex North,	7 00	
	Salem and vicinity,	0 00	
	Suffolk North,	0 00	
	Suffolk South,	0 00	
	Norfolk,	7 00	
	Taunton and vicinity,	4 50	
	Old Colony,	3 50	
	Barnstable,	0 00	
	Pilgrim,	0 00	142 91
	Contra, Dr.		
Feb. 1834.			
Postage on letters,		0 40	
To Agents' account for printing Minutes for 1833,		110 38	
To travelling expenses of the Secretary,		11 50	122 28
	Balance in the Treasury,		$20 63

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it correctly kept and cast.

LEVI PRATT,
BENJAMIN F. CLARKE, } *Auditing Committee.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The reports received from our churches, furnish evidence that God has not abandoned his heritage, or disappointed the expectation of his people. Many of these churches have been refreshed, and enlarged, and strengthened by extensive and powerful revivals; and in a larger number there has been manifest a reviving spirit. There is unequivocal evidence of a strong and growing attachment to the distinctive, humbling truths of the Gospel. In some places within our limits, there is *increasing* reverence for the Sabbath. There is no diminution of interest in the stated and occasional opportunities for religious worship and instruction. In many parishes this interest has been greatly increased.

A spirit of brotherly love, a deep sense of dependence on God, a clear perception and cordial recognition of personal obligation and responsibility, seem, in a good degree, to prevent asperity and jealousy, and unite the hearts of Christians in prayer and labor for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Never before, in all the history of our churches, has there been manifest so deep and strong an interest in the conversion of the whole world to God. For the accomplishment of this object, many are beginning to live, and pray, and labor. This grand enterprise is imparting new interest to every Christian duty, and adding new value to every Christian privilege. It animates the devotions of the closet—gives new attractions to the seasons of social and public worship, and is slowly working a happy change in the habits and feelings of the community. It is confidently believed, that there is hardly a church within our limits which would receive or retain a pastor, who is not a cordial and decided friend of our benevolent institutions. There is manifest

a strong attachment to Domestic and Foreign Missions, and an active approbation of every department of benevolent exertion, which promises to increase the number of faithful laborers in the vineyard of our Lord, and extend the light and influence of Christian truth and Christian ordinances through our own and other lands.

There is no diminution of interest in the study of the Bible in our congregations. Our Sabbath Schools are sustained with increased zeal, and many of them have, during the past year, been cheered by the special presence of the Holy Spirit in his renewing and sanctifying influences. There is reason to hope that the time is not far distant, when the practice which now obtains in some places, will become universal—that the whole congregation will be united, from week to week, in the diligent study of definite lessons from the word of God.

The temperance reformation has not merely been sustained—it has, during the past year, made *great* and *cheering* advances. It now receives the cordial support and co-operation of all in our churches, who give unequivocal evidence that they are the sincere disciples of Jesus Christ.

William's College and Amherst College are both in a flourishing condition. They have, hitherto, more than answered our most sanguine expectations, and now give increasing promise of usefulness to the church of Christ and the world. They have not, the past year, been favored with as powerful and extensive revivals as have gladdened our hearts in some former years. But both have been refreshed with the dews of the Spirit, and with gratitude to God, rejoice over a few who give evidence that they have become subjects of his renewing grace.

Our Theological Seminary lives in our affections and our confidence. We rejoice to see its influence in extending the gospel of Christ, spreading through every section of our republic, and reaching round the globe. May it always cherish an ardent love for the truths of the Bible, and a tender and active concern for the salvation of benighted and guilty men. When it was announced that its venerable President was no more, many of us felt that we were bereaved of a father, and all wept because a faithful watchman was removed. But our confidence is not in an arm of flesh. Let us daily commend this Seminary to the guardianship and favor of Jesus Christ, hoping that it may ever continue to be a blessing to our churches and the world.

The messengers and reports from other departments of the church of Christ in correspondence with us, have added much

to the interest of our session. We rejoice in this union of counsel, and feeling, and labor. We recognize in these Ecclesiastical Bodies an ardent attachment to our common Lord—a strong affection for the great doctrines and duties of his gospel, and a growing interest in the grand enterprise for extending the word of life and the appointed means of grace to all the nations of the earth. We feel that we are united in faith—in love—in labor. We rejoice in this fellowship, and hail it as an earnest of the perfect fellowship of heaven.

We render thanks to God for the general prosperity of their Schools and Colleges, and Theological Seminaries. In these nurseries we are assured that the great Captain of Salvation is preparing recruits, which he will employ in bearing the triumphs of victorious grace through all the earth. We have watched with intense interest the little clouds of mercy which have hovered over them, and earnestly pray that they may thicken and extend, until they shall cover the heavens, and pour down righteousness and salvation.

In the survey which we have taken, we have dwelt upon the fairest portions of the landscape, because we love to yield ourselves to the emotions of gratitude and hope, and recognize it as a Christian duty to strengthen the things which remain. But we may not refuse to contemplate the darker shades. It is a truth that cannot be disguised, that our favored land still lieth in wickedness. The professed disciples of Christ, even among the descendants of the pilgrims, are a *little company*. Though united in the bonds of Christian faith and love, and consecrated to the service of our Divine Redeemer, we are far, *far* below our privileges. The thousands within our limits, who are still unreconciled to God, are all within the reach of our direct influence—and the hundreds of millions, who are now groping in the shades of death, and on the brink of eternal woe, *are not beyond our reach.* The *promise* of Christ stands out, in bold relief, in his gospel—"*Lo, I am with you alway.*" His *command* sounds with distinct emphasis in our ears, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*" And yet these *churches, bought with his blood,* and nourished by his care, are *slow of heart to believe this promise,* and *reluctant in obedience to this command.* While we have wealth, or strength, or influence, that is not consecrated to Christ—while we withhold our hearts from humble, agonizing prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit, or neglect to engage in self-denying labor, in the ser-

vice of our Divine Lord and Master—we are *accessary* to all the *sin*, and all the *wretchedness*, which degrade the world.

In the midst of these joyful solemnities, we are admonished that our time for activity in the church on earth is brief, and may speedily and suddenly terminate. The lips, that invited us to assemble here, in the midst of these beautiful mountains, are now silent in death. We believe that beloved disciple now looks with deeper and holier interest upon the object of our meeting than any of us. His praise is in all our churches. His perfect spirit seems to say to us, "Be faithful, my brethren, to Jesus Christ, and he will soon give you, also, a crown of glory that shall never fade."

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the churches under their care, "Grace unto you and peace be multiplied."

Dearly Beloved,

We present you our periodical salutation, expressive of our intense anxiety for your welfare, and for the honor and glory of our Divine Redeemer in the world. "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," that we hear "good tidings of your faith and charity;" and that "ye stand fast in the Lord," "earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

We rejoice to hear, that upon some of the churches the "Spirit is poured from on high" in refreshing showers; and that upon others have descended, though in less profusion, the gently distilling dews of heavenly grace. And yet with painful anxiety we are constrained to present the momentous inquiry, Why has the blessing been withholden from so many of the churches? "Is the Lord's hand shortened that it cannot save; or is his ear heavy that it cannot hear?" May not favors that are promised in answer to prayer, be obtained whenever the conditions of the promise are fulfilled? Did not the Lord Jesus say, "*Ask*, and ye shall receive?" "If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that *ask* him." If such are the conditions and the promises to prayer, is there not a fearful responsibility and obligation upon every church and every member of the church, to seek and to obtain the blessing. Think on these things; estimate the worth of the undying soul; by faith regard eternal scenes, and rouse to life and vigor in your Master's service. "What thou doest, do quickly," for the night cometh.

The church is the vehicle for conveying the knowledge of salvation to "earth's remotest bound:" it is a light elevated on high to illumine the dark places of the earth. Immensely important is it then that this light should shine with unclouded lustre. As the purest fountain sends forth the sweetest waters, so the purest church will shed the holiest influence upon the nations of the world. For the glory of God your Savior, and for your own peace and profit, "be ye holy, in all manner of conversation."

The present era of the world, is a season of unexampled interest; the signs of the times indicate some speedy developement of Jehovah's plans, in respect to the affairs of the world. The armies of the living God appear to be mustering for the battle; and the adversary is arraying his forces for a fiercer combat. Infidelity stalks abroad in open day. "The last days"—the days of the church's enlargement—"have come;" for scoffers abound; and their scoffs and revilings are a fulfilment of prophecy; and they excite in us, instead of dismay and consternation, hope, and renewed motive to exertion, because we "see the day approaching."

Permit us then, beloved brethren, to present a few considerations for your reflection.

1. We exhort you to cultivate deep and ardent piety in the sight of God. Every Christian, and every other person, whether in a high or a humble station, exerts an influence that extends far beyond the narrow circle in which he moves: an influence that may be felt in future times and among distant nations. The most retired Christian mother may train up a Samuel or a Timothy for distinguished usefulness in the church of Christ. The humble piety of the Dairyman's Daughter, and of the Mountain Miller, will tell upon the destinies of immortal beings, till time shall be no more. Beloved in the Lord, it is decreed of heaven that the savor of your influence must be shed abroad. "No man liveth to himself." See and feel, then, how immensely important it is that your piety be solid, substantial, unwavering, that Christ may be glorified in you.

Discharge, then, we intreat you, all the duties of the Christian life in their time and order. Do not imagine that one duty can be substituted for another. Maintain family prayer, and also secret prayer, of which no eye nor ear but God's is the witness: and watch unto prayer. Perform your duty to your family, and to all around. "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Train them up in the spirit

of the age. Be strictly honest and just towards all men. Give to no man occasion to speak evil of you, and wound the cause of Christ, through your delinquency.

Let the Sabbath be wholly a day of rest and of "holiness to the Lord." The church is in danger of relaxing its hold upon the sacredness of this day. Sabbath violations constitute some of our blackest national sins. Let not this crime be laid to your charge. Take away the Sabbath, and you break down the bulwark of religion. The enemy of all righteousness knows this, and therefore aims his deadliest shafts at the Sabbath and the ministry of the sanctuary. We warn you of your danger, and exhort you to make this day a season of stricter devotion to the service of God. Go up to the Lord's house in the spirit of prayer and supplication: go, hungering for the bread of life: lay aside a critical, captious disposition, and sit down like Mary at the feet of Jesus. Put off worldly cares and worldly conversation, and the God of peace shall be with you. Thus let every member of the church live, and then the whole church will be a *living church.*

The church is a missionary society, over which Christ presides. His commission to it is, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Every one that belongs to this society should obey the Head, and do what their hands find to do for his sake. It is required in missionaries that they be holy, devoted, self-denying men. And yet there is but one rule for every member of this body. He that is located among the heathen, is under no stricter bonds to live a holy life, than the Christian encircled with gospel privileges. Gratitude for superior privileges, requires of us a holier life and more fervent consecration than can be demanded of the missionary among the dark shades of heathenism. Let the whole church feel its obligations, and come up to the elevated station to which God calls it, and then its march will be onward, with the rapidity of light, to the conquest of the world.

With such a spirit of holy devotion, the church would be one in heart, and one in action. Then it would be prompted to the avoidance of those evils, which needlessly interrupt the delightful harmony of the family of Christ. Intimate communion with the *Head*, will make you tender of the feelings and of the welfare of the *members* of the body. A view of the cross, and of the peaceful, forgiving spirit of the agonizing Savior, quells every unholy feeling, and invigorates that charity, "which endureth all things."

2. Cautiously shun those who create divisions and excite party spirit among you. "I beseech you, brethren," says the apostle, (Rom. 16 : 17.) "mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them." The Spirit of God never excites divisions and contention among brethren of "like precious faith." And we earnestly entreat you not to suffer differences of opinion upon unessential points, to separate those who love our Lord Jesus Christ. The adversary has changed his mode of attack. The fires of persecution are extinguished; but the tongue, "set on fire of hell," is now employed to criminate and persecute the church. "Divide and conquer," is his motto. Ye are not ignorant of his devices. Let this truth sink deep into your minds—*that they who sow discord among brethren in Christ Jesus, are not actuated by the Spirit of God.*

We also exhort you carefully to shun all tendency to party spirit in religious opinions and practices. Religious party spirit is the bane and the curse of the church. It may be fomented by inconsiderate men with upright intentions; but, generally, the leaders of party have sinister or ambitious motives: they have an object to accomplish, aside from the desire to honor the Savior in the salvation of souls.

"Ye are yet carnal. For while one saith, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?" A tendency to enlist under any name, except the name of Jesus, was, in the Apostle's estimation, an evidence of being carnal. And yet this evil has always existed in the church. "Of your own selves," said he to the elders of the church of Ephesus, "shall men arise, speaking perverse things, *to draw away disciples after them.*"

The tendency of all parties is, to diverge into wide extremes from the point of union. Charity is excluded; words and actions are misinterpreted and perverted; acrimonious language is indulged; and brethren of the same faith are influenced to "bite and devour one another:" and the wicked world exult to witness the strife.

One prominent evil of party spirit is, it affords a shelter for the secure repose of error. A partizan is pledged to his party: and he strenuously defends all the opinions and practices of his leader, or of the party to which he has given his adherence. And whoever questions those opinions or practices is an enemy, and must be resisted. When the banner of party is unfurled, no neutrality is tolerated. You must belong to *this* side, or to *that*. If error has crept into the system, it finds an undisturbed

resting place. It is a part of the system, and the whole must stand or fall together. The inventor of it, and its supporters, clothe it in the most pleasing garb, and dazzle the eyes of the unwary. But, beloved brethren, we deprecate all tendency to party spirit, and deplore those divisions which occur among the friends of Immanuel. We distinctly declare to you, by the word of God, that these divisions have not their origin from heaven: *avoid them.*

3. Bring every doctrine, and every practice that is promulgated, to the test of Scripture. The excellency of a doctrine cannot be decided by its apparent effects, nor by the opinion nor the applause of men. "The carnal mind" does not approve and love the humiliating truths of the gospel.

But, brethren, prove all things; and hold fast only that which is good. Any religious theory, which does not embrace every doctrine and duty of revealed truth, is to be suspected. "To the law and the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Every religious truth, and every correct practice, accords with the Bible. All beside is chaff.

Let every measure adopted to promote the cause of Christ, undergo a thorough examination. Neither condemn nor approve what is new, until its nature and tendency have been tested. Do not decide that a new thing is excellent by present appearances. Improvements will doubtless be introduced, and ought to be introduced. But all new things are not improvements, nor are all improvements new things.

Let your religious feelings be excited by a steady contemplation of the doctrines and precepts of the Bible. There is, at the present day, a proneness in the community to seek for that mode of teaching which produces a highly excited state of feeling, without a due concern about the cause of that excitement. When occasioned by the truth, it is safe; but when produced by the device of man, "danger lurks therein."

We fear that the public taste is becoming vitiated. The humbling and searching truths of the Bible are disrelished. Many apparent *converts* "will not endure sound doctrine:" and when they are hastened into the church, without sufficient time for self-examination, if self-deceived, they sustain their hopes by the opinions of others, and eventually they prove dead weights, or traitors in the church. These things prepare the way for divisions, and for departures from the purity and simplicity of Christian doctrine and practice. Therefore, brethren, take

heed. "Prove your own selves." Walk in the light, and under the guidance, of the Spirit of God. Study the Bible, that ye may know the truth, and not that ye may sustain preconceived opinions. The noble Bereans "searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so."

4. Cherish an ardent love to the established order and institutions of religion. God is a God of order, and not of confusion. But, at the present day, while the Christian world is aiming to reform existing abuses and errors, the enemy seizes the occasion to overturn the whole system of gospel order: and there is danger that, to a great extent, he will achieve his design. Religious order has, under God, been the glory and the preservation of this land of the Pilgrims: and it is an enemy of your best interests, that would break down the established order which our forefathers transmitted to their posterity. A purer religion than theirs, we cannot have; for it was the gospel of God. Their religious institutions were in accordance with his word. Seek not, then, brethren, to pass through the desolations of revolution, in pursuit of an inheritance not bequeathed to you, and which, when obtained, will not be deemed worth possessing. Do not prostrate your present edifice until a better is erected.

Permit us, in this connection, to allude to a subject of extreme delicacy; but one in which we have a deeper solicitude for you, and for the good of Zion, than for ourselves individually. We refer to the tendency to a frequent change in the ministry. A restless state of mind in the people, and a desire of novelty, has excited a corresponding restlessness and love of change in the ministry; and churches, sorely against their will, and without sufficient cause, are often deprived of the labors of a beloved pastor, because, from the mode of settlement, he feels under no obligations to remain longer than he chooses. The very conditions of settlement proclaim the contract a temporary bargain. And, as a consequence, when the slightest dissatisfaction arises, a dissolution is spoken of; and the evils of an unsettled state agitate you for months, if not for years. One of these evils is, that the churches fall into the practice of employing transient, irresponsible men, who tarry for a little time, and then are gone; and who feel but little concern for your permanent welfare. For their own reputation they may wish to produce an effect. But they do not lay their foundation *deep* and *strong* as they would do if they were to be permanent builders.

On this subject, a warning voice sounds to us from the West. The Synod of Geneva, in 1832, deploring existing evils, says: "There is positive wrong, positive wickedness, somewhere. The reports of our Presbyteries to-day, have developed some of the causes of this state of things. Of the ministers of this Synod, fifty-two only are pastors; sixty-one are stated supplies. It also appears, that there is among us a continual change of ministers, a continual settling and unsettling. These *stated* instead of *pastoral* supplies, and this change of place among the ministers of this Synod, disclose to us a great evil, and great wickedness attaching to the churches, and perhaps to ministers. These facts show us, that there may be false professors in the churches, who, not doing the work of God, become disturbers of the peace;—that there may be persons of unstable, uninstructed minds, having itching ears; restless spirits, loving whatever is new and peculiar, better than the truth of God which is eternally the same. These facts show, that there may be ministers also, too indolent, or too uneducated to furnish themselves for the pulpit, beyond a six months' or one year's stock, who encourage this unstable, fluctuating state of things. In consequence of this, the great and glorious doctrines of the Bible are not systematically and fully preached and heard. And some of our church members, especially recent converts, being without instruction, are unsound in the faith. Here is one cause of the present lamentable state of things among us.

"Another fact reported is, that religious excitements have rapidly declined as soon as *special means* are withdrawn; indicating that human instrumentality was made too prominent, and too much trusted in, to the exclusion of the Spirit and power of God, and the simple exhibition of truth. God, having been overlooked, has overlooked us. Having lightly esteemed the influences of the Holy Ghost, we have been left to go on in darkness, in our own chosen way. If we would be blessed again and refreshed, our ministers must remain in their places, and STUDY, and STUDY, and STUDY! The churches must be satisfied to hear, from the same man, the pure, plain doctrines of the Bible, if he be a man of God. We must all use the instrumentality of God's appointment, with vastly more diligence and constancy. But, not trusting in these to save sinners, we must, above all, and more than all, acknowledge God and the power of his Spirit, as the only agent able to overcome the deep aversion of sinners to all good, and make them submissive to *his will*."

Brethren, examine this subject; hear this note of warning rom churches that have felt the scorchings of the fire, and may God guide you, for your own good, to a firm adherence to gospel order.

Other subjects press on our minds, especially the subject of catechetical instruction of children. We fear that parents have too much neglected this important method of giving early and systematic instruction—imagining that Sabbath Schools are a suitable substitute. As a consequence, children are left with a vague, disconnected view of the great doctrines of the Bible.

But we forbear. We have exceeded our limits. We have spoken affectionately and fearlessly; and we now commit this address to you, beseeching God that he will cause it to bring forth fruit to his glory, in promoting your welfare.

We earnestly entreat you, beloved brethren, to pray for us, and to combine your efforts with ours, in extending and establishing the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. Let us ever remember that we are laborers for God; and that our grand ruling motive should be, to exalt the name of our Divine Redeemer. In this spirit, we shall move on harmoniously, and with concentrated energy, in the momentous enterprise of subduing the world to Christ. In this spirit, we shall defeat the designs of the adversary, and confound the enemies of Zion: and, in this spirit, when the Captain of our Salvation beckons us to enter the promised land, we shall joyfully lay aside the armor of the church militant, and take up the anthem of the church triumphant,—Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Even so; Amen.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following;—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two Delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M. at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transact-

ing any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the Minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The Minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of a Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a Scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The Rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put?

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the whole session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body, connected with it, shall annually appoint each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted in each body, to the same rights of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to the Association, to be invited to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address, being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday P. M. after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, &c. shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by

them respectively. One copy of each publication received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon. And the Church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate; and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail; and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session in June, 1834.

1. BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.		Removals in 1833.				Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug. 25, 1819	68	163	231	1	6	7	4	10	1	1	14	234	40
" North,			20	45	65	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	132	
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	69	198	267	0	5	5	3	7	0	0	3	310	
G. Barrington,	Sylvester Burt,	Feb. 12, 1823	67	145	212	9	6	15	0	19	0	4	14	339	
N. Marlborough, N.	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	59	121	180	0	1	1	4	12	0	0	5	130	30
" South,	(Vacant)		18	47	65	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	72	
Tyringham,	Lucius Field,	March 27, 1833	58	97	155	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	5	50	90
Sandisfield,	Platt T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	54	140	194	15	5	20	3	5	0	9	5	153	0
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	47	103	150	2	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	157	
Pittsfield,	John W. Yeomans,	March 7, 1832	222	473	695	40	13	53	3	3	0	14	18	233	50
Lanesborough,	Henry B. Hooker,	May 2, 1827	30	65	95	0	4	4	4	4	1	0	3	60	30
Williamstown,	Ralph W. Gridley,	Oct. 9, 1816	211	315	526	6	8	14	6	18	0	4	7	408	188
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	53	113	166	3	0	3	6	4	0	2	6	160	
Lenox,	S. Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	136	199	335	0	1	1	4	27	0	0	19	184	28
Peru,	(Vacant.)		68	113	181	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	2	196	
Windsor,	Gordon Dorrance,	July 1, 1795	43	93	136	6	1	7	2	0	0	5	5	191	
" 2d. Parish.	(Vacant.)		13	22	35	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Lee,	Joshua N. Danforth,	June 18, 1834	123	224	352	3	2	5	11	12	0	0	16	285	
Dalton,	Ebenezer Jennings,	Sept. 8, 1802	69	92	161	35	0	35	2	3	0	48	25	125	0
West Stockbridge,	Munson C. Gaylord,	Feb. 4, 1829	19	63	82	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	100	20
" Village.	(Vacant.)		9	18	27										
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	44	82	126	1	2	3	2	9	0	0	3	140	0
Otis,	Rufus Pomeroy,	Feb. 15, 1832	48	79	127	2	6	8	4	2	0	1	8	50	10
Egremont,	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	19	43	62	4	0	4	1	3	0	1	4	66	20
North Adams,	Caleb B. Tracy,	July 11, 1832	37	88	125	29	4	33	0	9	0	13	11	100	25
Mount Washington,	(Vacant.)		5	19	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	12
Canaan, 4 Cor. N.Y.	Cyrus Hudson,	March 2, 1831	29	77	106	2	3	5	2	6	0	1	7	120	30
		Total.	1643	3237	4880	210	69	279	74	192	3	104	197	4053	573

Edward D. Griffin, D. D. Jonathan Lee, Noah Sheldon, Nathan Shaw, Erastus Clapp, Jonathan Huntington.

2. MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Washington,	Caleb Knight,	Dec. 26, 1826	17	41	58					3				60	
Middlefield,	(Vacant.)		44	77	121		5	5	1	1			2	48	40
Chester,	(Vacant.)	Nov. 11, 1829	70	125	195	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	150	0
Norwich,	Samuel Russell,	Sept. 6, 1832	50	77	127	1	5	6	5	4	2	1	20	159	
Chesterfield,	(Vacant.)														
Worthington,	Henry Adams,	Dec. 25, 1833													
Cummington,	Roswell Hawkes,	1825	64	130	194	15	3	18	2	3	0	3	5	350	
Plainfield,			59	98	157	4	2	6	2	12	0	1	8	250	
Goshen,	(Vacant.)														
		Total,	304	548	852	20	15	35	11	28	2	5	35	1003	40

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.				Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.		Adults.	Infants.		
Amherst, 1st. Par.	Matthew T. Adam,	Dec. 26, 1833	84	143	227	2	7	9	1	4	0	1	5		260	
" 2d. "	Nathan Perkins, Jr.	Oct. 10, 1810	83	158	241	0	1	1	8	7	0	0	10		170	60
" S. "	Aaron Gates,	Feb. 1, 1832	36	61	97	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	9		170	
" N. "	William W. Hunt,	March 7, 1827	32	71	103	1	1	2	3	3	0	1	7		180	
" College,	H. Humphrey, D.D.	Feb. 28, 1827	174	6	180	0	35	35	0	9	0	0	2			
Belchertown,	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833	139	251	390	9	3	12	7	9	0	2	25		490	300
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	64	131	195	2	4	6	2	5	0	0	9		160	125
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833														
Enfield,	Sumner G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1828	87	131	268	1	3	4	7	5	0	1	11		400	
Granby, E. Par.	Joseph Knight,	March 10, 1830	66	131	197	1	4	5	3	3	0	0	13		240	
" W. "	Eli Moody,	Dec. 29, 1830	55	87	142	1	6	7	2	8	1	0	10		130	
Hadley, 1st. Par.	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831	137	229	366	4	5	9	5	5	0	1	21		300	50
" 2d. "	Phillips Payson,	Std. supply.	16	30	46	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3		80	
Hatfield,	Levi Pratt,	June 23, 1830	40	97	137	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	3		200	50
Greenwich,	Joseph Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	42	75	117	1	2	3	4	3	0				150	
Leverett,	Freegrace Reynolds,	Dec. 7, 1832	28	60	88	2	4	6	2	2	0	1	3		70	
Northampton, 1st.	Solomon Williams,	June 5, 1778	242	400	642	23	18	46	7	111	0	6	42		550	250
	Joseph Penny, D. D.	June 4, 1833														
" Eds. Ch.	John Todd,	Jan. 30, 1833	52	72	124	7	117	124	2	0					180	150
Prescott,	Ebenezer Brown,	1827	26	70	96	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	3		100	40
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1831	165	250	415	23	3	26	5	15	3	2	33		500	
South Deerfield,	(Vacant)		37	93	130	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	5		150	
South Hadley, 1st. P.	Artemas Boies,	Feb. 25, 1824	79	149	228	3	7	10	3	4	1	1	12		250	
" 2d. P.	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	24	52	76	6	3	9	3	1	1	2	3		141	100
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale,	Sept. 1, 1779	69	128	197	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	5		200	
	Horace B. Chapin,	July 8, 1829														
Sunderland,	Henry B. Holmes,	Jan. 31, 1833	48	83	131	25	1	26	4	5	0	3	5		200	
Whately,	(Vacant.)		67	108	175	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7		150	15
Williamsburg,	Henry Lord,	June 20, 1804	86	163	249	0	3	3	3	9	3	0	9		300	
		Total,	1978	3279	5257	119	234	353	94	224	9	26	260		5621	1140

4. HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Monson,	Alfred Ely,	Dec. 17, 1806	132	254	386	7	0	7	3	5	0	5	10	400	
Wilbraham, S. Par.	E. B. Wright,	Supply.	42	87	129	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	100	20
" N. "	Israel G. Rose,	April 18, 1832	42	101	143	28	3	31	1	1	0	10	3	102	50
Ludlow,	David R. Austin,	1832	58	101	159	0	0	0	3	2		0	5	114	20
L. Meadow, 1st Par.	J. B. Condit,	July 1831	66	134	200	1	3	4	2	3	0	0	3	175	100
" 2d "	Calvin Foote,	April 15, 1831	40	75	115	0	0	0	3	1			4	35	25
Springfield, 1st Par.	Sam'l Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	299	355	654	31	17	48	9	8	0	10	20	650	240
" 2d "	Alexander Phenix,	April 1824	16	59	75	4	5	9	3	1			4	35	
" 3d "	Abra'm C. Baldwin,		10	10	20	4	16	20					4	50	20
" Fac. Vil.			13	42	55	2	6	8	0	11	0	1	2	200	
West " 1st Par.	T. E. Vermilye,	May 1830	62	190	252	3		3	3	2		0	8	250	60
W. S. Ireland Par.	Hervey Smith,	1833	20	50	70				3	1		2	4	50	
W. S. Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	43	92	140	30		30	2	1		5	7	70	13
W. S. Feeding Hills	Horatio I. Lombard,	Jan. 3, 1834	25	55	80	1	2	3	1	1		0	0	45	12
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 16, 1803	102	264	366	8	6	14	4	10	0	5	13	500	150
Russell,			7	17	24									30	
Montgomery,	Solomon W. Edson,	Oct. 1832	18	55	73									50	20
Blandford,	Dorus Clarke,	Feb. 5, 1823	57	121	178		2	2	6	9	1	0	20	300	30
Southwick,	George Nichols,	Supply.	20	50	70									150	
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	52	98	150	4	0	4	2	7	1	0	4	100	56
" Middle,	Seth Chapin,	Jan. 17, 1833	22	48	70	2	0	2	2	1	0	11	2	50	
Tolland,	Samuel Ware,	Supply.			70									60	
		Total,			3479	125	62	187	44	64	2	48	117	3616	761

5. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sch.	No. in B Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashfield,	Mason Grosvenor,	May 9, 1833	92	179	271	11	6	17	3	6	0	7	19	220	70
Bernardston, T. So.	Vinson Gould,	Oct. 1833	10	21	31	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	2	22	23
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	62	121	183	0	1	1	3	4	11	0	8	150	
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	March 16, 1825	47	106	153	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	6	200	
Coleraine,	Aretas Loomis,	Aug. 4, 1829	27	88	115	3	3	6	0	6	0	1	1	150	
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	86	203	289	6	5	11	6	5	0	1	4	243	
Erving's Grant,	(Vacant.)		2	15	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	15
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Supply.	13	67	80	15	6	21	2	0	0	6	14		
Greenfield, 1st.	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	13	30	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	15
" 2d.	Thomas Bellows,	March 13, 1833	28	69	97	3	2	5	1	5	0	2	7		
Hawley, 1st.	Jonathan Grout,	Oct. 23, 1793													
	Tyler Thatcher,	May 1834													
" 2d.	(Vacant.)														
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	84	166	250	0	1	1	5	5	0	0	6	300	
Montague,															
Northfield, Trin. So.	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831	21	49	70	16	1	17	0	0	0	4	1	96	17
Rowe, Evan. So.	(Vacant.)				19			14	0	2	0			30	
Shelburne,	The. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799	64	118	182	0	1	1	5	17	0	0	5	250	0
	The. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828													
Wendell,	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830													
		Total,	559	1122	1620	55	32	101	26	42	11	21	73	1731	140

6. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms, 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By death	Dis	Ex	Adults	Infants		
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 17, 1798	56	129	185	5	10	15	1	5	0	3	16	312	15
Brookfield, 1st.	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	118	230	348	4	9	13	7	18	0	2	8	300	
" 2d.	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801	20	39	59	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	85	15
	Richard Woodruff,	Feb. 5, 1834													
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Feb. 2, 1814	86	177	263	9	7	16	3	11	0	5	25	300	
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	42	129	171	7	0	7	3	9	2	3	3	270	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786	50	108	158	14	3	17	2	5			18	231	
	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832												340	
Southbridge,	Henry J. Lamb,	June 6, 1833	23	64	87										30
Sturbridge,	Joseph S. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	93	204	297	13	9	22	3	8	1	2	7	300	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	30	96	126	0	0	0	1			0	7	300	
Ware, 1st.	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	56	118	174	0	1	1	3	11	2	0	11	225	
" East,	Parsons Cooke,	June 21, 1826	76	171	247	3	6	9	3	23			12	300	
Barre,	(Vacant.)		32	100	132	8	4	12			2	6	10		
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 11, 1832	52	127	179	19	4	23	2	4		3	5	160	70
Petersham,	(Vacant.)														
Hardwich,	Martin Tupper,	April 16, 1828	63	156	224		4	4	6	3			5		
Charlton,	W. H. Whittemore,	Sept. 1833	30	76	106	4	7	11	4	7	2	1	3	90	50
Warren,	(Vacant)		43	94	142	33	5	38	5	2	2	12	29		
Holland,	J. Sandford,		16	43	59			4	1			1		40	
		Total,	896	2061	2957	119	69	192	46	107	11	38	161	3303	131

7. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.				Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.		Adults.	Infants.		
Douglas,	David Holman,	Oct. 18, 1808	56	107	163	4	1	5		3			1	4	100	40
Grafton,	John Wilde,	June 20, 1832	67	139	206	6	6	12	2	6			3	3	240	
Millbury, Cong.	Osgood Herrick,	Dec. 9, 1830	77	142	219	1		1	7	3				4	230	40
" Pres.					178											
N. Mendon, Evan.	John M. S. Perry,	Nov. 9, 1831			59					5					70	20
Millville,	(Vacant.)															
Northbridge,	Charles Forbush,		31	35	116	6	2	8					6	3		
Sutton,	John Maltby,	June 28, 1826	67	166	233	2	4	6	1	6			1	3	175	
Ward,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	76	134	210	1	2	3	4	6				3	100	
Westborough,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 26, 1808	86	182	268	1	7	8	2	9	1			8	310	
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	June 1, 1796	60	140	200		5	5	6					7	200	
Evan. Cong. Soc. }	David A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	49	147	196	11	24	35	3	3			7	4	200	130
Uxbridge, }							*									
		Total,	569	1242	2048	32	51	83	25	41	1		18	54	1625	320

8. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—*No Report.*

9. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	51	126	177	5	5	10	5	1	0	0	5	82	177
Athol,	B. B. Beckwith,	June, 1831	37	85	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	55	113	168	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	124	
Phillipston,	Joseph Chickering,	July 10, 1822	65	140	205				1	5	3		10	251	
Princeton,	A. Phillips,	June 7, 1820	70	114	184	3	1	4	2			2	6	87	53
Royalston,	E. Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	90	140	230	1	1	2	8	4			4	128	106
Templeton,	L. P. Bates,	Jan. 16, 1833												46	61
Warwick,	Samuel Kingsbury,	Nov. 6, 1833	21	33	54	4	0	4	2	2	0	3	3	75	
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	99	230	329		2	2	5	9	2		5	160	70
Winchendon,	E. L. Clark,	Oct. 13, 1820													
		Total,	438	981	1469	13	11	54	23	23	5	5	39	1153	467

10. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Acton Evan. Soc.	Jas. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	67	108	175	84	16	100	2	0	1	48	8	100	15
Ashby Cal. Con.	Orsamus Tinker,	Jan. 1, 1834	50	103	153				1	5	0		3	171	0
Bolton Ev. Con.	John W. Chickering,	April 14, 1830	45	75	120	10	5	15	0	1	1	4	10	185	75
Boxboro' Trin. Soc.	(Vacant.)														
Carlisle 2d. Parish,	Abel Patten,	May 22, 1833	10	29	39	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	25	15
Dunstable Ev. Chh.	E. W. Goodman,	Dec. 21, 1831	31	81	112	3	3	6	2	0	1	0	20	93	35
Fitchburg Cal. Con.	John A. Albro,	May 9, 1832	30	130	260	11		11					25	300	
Groton Un. Chh.	Chas. B. Kittredge,	Oct. 16, 1833	65	100	165	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	13	70	30
Harvard Cal. Con.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	54	132	186	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	7	150	
Leominster Ev. Con.	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	31	68	99	9	0	9	4	0	0	1	13	142	30
Pepperell Ev. Con.	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	124	228	352	49	4	53	5	7	0	34	24	450	
Shirley Ev. Con	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	13	33	46	3	7	10	0	1	0	3	2	8	30
Townsend Or. Con.	William M. Rogers,	Feb. 16, 1831	100	157	257	5	11	16	0	6	0	2	19	150	35
Westford Un. Chh.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	43	103	146	5	3	8	0	1	0	2	6	155	50
		Total,	713	1897	2110	182	60	242	19	29	3	95	152	1999	315

11. SOUTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
East Sudbury,	(Vacant.)														
Natick,	E. D. Moore,	Nov. 6, 1833	62	99	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	140	35
Northborough.	Samuel A. Fay,	Oct. 1832	14	35	49	7	5	12	0	0	0	6	0	125	70
Holliston,	Elijah Demond,	Oct. 31, 1832	56	137	193	4	4	8	3	3	1	2	10	200	30
Marlborough,	(Vacant.)				87			5						100	30
Southborough P. Ch.	Walter Follett,	Oct. 17, 1832	27	63	90	15	7	22	1	0	0	5	9	200	
Sherburne,	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	56	95	151	10	0	10	1	3	0	3	3	118	60
Concord,	John Wilder, Jr.	Aug. 7, 1833	23	52	75	2	4	6	2	1	0	1	3	100	20
Hopkinton,	Nathaniel Howe, Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	52	117	169	4	2	6	2	3	0	4	15	250	40
Framingham,	David Kellogg, D.D. George Trask,	Sept. 18, 1830			295	13	2	15	8	2	1		13	200	250
Medfield,	W. H. Bidwell,	Sept. 19, 1833	27	62	89	5	2	7	1	5	0	2	0	27	17
Saxonville,	(Vacant.)				23									60	
		Total,	317	660	1387	60	26	91	18	17	2	23	61	1520	542

12. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. , 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Andover S. Parish,	Milton Badger,	Jan. 3, 1828	145	335	480	7	3	10	9	11	1	1	35	591	
Andover W. Parish,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	67	121	188	15	0	15	2	0	0	6	9	300	
Theo. Seminary,	The Professors,		50	15	65	7	5	12	0	15	1	4	2	90	153
Boxford 1st. Parish,	(Vacant.)		13	39	52										
Chelmsford 2d. Con. Church,	(Vacant.)		17	24	41									35	
Lowell 1st. Church,	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829			560	61	38	99						500	
Lowell 2d. Church,	William Twining,	Oct. 4, 1831	60	332	392	41	37	78	2	16	0	21	10	450	
Lowell 3d. Church,	Giles Pease,	Oct. 2, 1833	24	109	133	5	40	45	1					178	
Methuen 1st. Parish,	Sylvester G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832	48	122	170	24	4	28	1	1	0	21	9	150	
Methuen W. Parish,	(Vacant.)		8	22	30		0							40	
Reading N. Parish,	James D. Lewis,	June 4, 1834	20	55	75	1	0	0	0	0	0			75	
		Total,	452	1174	2186	160	127	287	15	43	2	53	65	2409	153

Justin Edwards, D. D.

14. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Ipswich, 1st. Parish,	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 3, 1806	55	151	206	2		2	6	3			7	200	200
Ipswich, South "	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	24	105	129	1	3	4	3	1	0	0	8	210	
Do. Linebrook "	(Vacant.)		14	22	36	2	0	2				1	3	50	50
Rowley, 1st,	Willard Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	41	72	113	3	1	4	2	1		1	1	123	30
Rowley, 2d,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	40	80	120	0	3	3	5	2	0	0	3	246	70
Byfield Parish,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 1833	50	95	175				2				4	150	
Bradford, East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	78	131	209	4	2	6	2				8	256	
West Newbury, 1st,	Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834	30	71	101	1		1	1	7			4	140	
West Newbury, 2d,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	41	108	149	13	2	15	3	2	2	4	16	172	100
Amesbury, West,	Peter S. Eaton,	Sept. 20, 1826	43	89	132	2	2	4	4	1	0	1	1	200	150
Amesbury, East,	Benjamin Sawyer,	June, 1816	25	60	85				2	3			4	30	
Salisbury, West,	(Vacant.)		10	32	42								2	40	
Amesbury Mills,	Joseph H. Towne,	March 5, 1834	20	43	63	7	2	9				7	5	75	
Newbury, 1st Parish,	Leon'rd Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	140	200	8		8		5			6	200	
" Belleville } Parish, }	James Miltimore,	April 27, 1808													
	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	39	90	129	2		2	1	2	1		2	100	75
Do. Lower Green,	(Vacant.)		9	19	28					2				25	
Newburyport, North Church,	Luther F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	70	250	320	11	15	26	7	5	2	3	24	200	
Haverhill, Centre,	Joseph Whittlesey,	Aug. 28, 1833	21	71	92									100	55
Haverhill, West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	27	73	100	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	75	0
		Total,	727	1702	2429	58	30	83	40	35	5	18	103	2647	520

16. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Boston, Green St.	William Jenks, D.D.	Oct. 25, 1826	33	154	187	11	5	16	5	42		7	17	85	15
" Old South,	S. H. Stearns,	April 16, 1834	104	407	511	2	4	6	2	18			3	320	65
" Salem St.	G. W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1830	99	199	298	19	43	62		5	2	7		170	
" Bowdoin St.	H. Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	153	245	398	55	10	65	2	10				175	100
" Union Ch.	N. Adams,	March 26, 1834	113	356	469			33	3	19				398	
Charlestown 1st. Ch.	W. Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	49	264	313	4	4	8	6	10		3	6	720	120
" Winthrop Ch.	D. Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	25	39	64	5	16	21	2					173	
Medford 2d. Ch.	G. Winslow,	June 12, 1833			141			31				8	3		
Lincoln Cong. Ch.	E. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	24	73	97	4		4	1	1		2	2	120	38
Waltham Trin. Ch.	S. Harding,	Jan. 1821	17	117	134	2	1	3		3			4	130	75
Newton 1st. Ch.	J. Homer, D.D. }	Feb. 13, 1782													
	J. Bates, }	Nov. 14, 1827	71	183	254	13	2	15	10	7		6	5	175	50
" 2d. Ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	40	60	100	8	2	10	1			2	3	75	
Cambridge,	(Vacant.)		24	85	109	3	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	80	25
Malden,	A. W. McLure,	Dec. 19, 1832	15	49	64	2	1	3	1	1		1	21	54	46
		Total,	767	2231	3139	128	87	280	39	118	3	38	72	2675	534

Rev. B. B. Wisner, D. D. Rev. Aaron Warner, Rev. Rufus Anderson, Rev. David Green.

17. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Boston, Park St. Ch.	Joel H. Linsley,	Nov. 1832	100	307	407	13	25	38		7	2			210	115
" Pine St. Ch.	(Vacant)		60	143	203	50	26	76	4	14	0			225	
" Mariners Ch.	Theo. Packard, Jr.														
" Phillips Ch.	Joy H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	43	96	139	3	6	9	1	4		1	6	100	25
Dedham 1st. Ch.	Ebenezer Burgess,	March 13, 1821	68	197	265	14	8	22	4	8	0	7	20	125	125
" South Ch.	Harrison G. Park,	Dec. 16, 1829	29	119	148	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	9	85	
Walpole Orth. Con. Church,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	27	90	117	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	32		
Brighton Evan. Ch.	William W. Newell,	Aug. 19, 1834													
		Total,	297	957	1284	80	59	145	12	35	2	11	117	745	260

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			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
East Randolph,	D. Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1819	43	70	113	2		2	1				9	120	
North Bridgewater,	William Thompson,	Sept. 17, 1833	103	174	277	8	1	9	4	5		4	4	353	50
Dorchester Village,	D. Sanford,	July 14, 1830	30	112	142	9	6	15	1	2		4	15	150	
First Par. Randolph,	C. Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	51	79	130	2	1	3	5	2	1		2	150	
Chris. Soc. Sharon,	J. Curtis,	Oct. 12, 1825	27	73	100	2	2	4	4			1		50	25
First Ch. Milton,	S. Gile,	1807	22	85	107	2		2	2			1	3	90	
Sec. Ch. Dorchester,	J. Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1806	69	228	297	4		4	8	5			22	200	
Union Ch. Braintree and Weymouth,	J. Perkins,	1815	66	124	190		5	5		1			3	200	30
North "	J. C. Phillips,	Dec. 18, 1833	49	138	187	4	1	5	3			4	3	100	
Un. Ch. E. and W. Bridgewater,	B. Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	25	46	71	1	1	2				1	7	133	
Braintree S. Ch.	L. Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	14	26	40				1				6	85	
Quincy Evan. Ch.	(Vacant.)		9	24	33	8	1	9				2	5	30	
Easton,	L. Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	38	92	130		3	3	1	0	2		1		
Cohasset 2d. Ch.	M. Moore,	Sept. 4, 1833	16	56	72	4	4	8		6		1	8	30	35
Trin. Bridgewater,	E. Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	42	88	130					2			3	70	
Braintree 1st. Ch.	R. S. Storrs,	July 3, 1811	46	134	180				2				10	160	
Canton,	(Vacant.)		4	10	14								3	40	
Weymouth 2d. Par.	C. J. Warren,	Jan. 1, 1833	29	63	92	6		6	3	2		3	16	150	40
		Total,	633	1622	2305	52	25	77	35	25	3	21	125	2161	130

19. TAUNTON AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	70	172	242	2	19	21	3	10			13	400	
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	51	139	190	4	16	20	2	7	1	1	19	500	200
Freetown,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 30, 1829	10	29	39					1			3	40	45
Berkley,	Thomas Andros,	March 19, 1788	30	55	85								6	100	
North Middleboro',	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1817	50	100	150	1		1	2	1		1		150	30
Norton,			12	26	38	10		10				4		60	70
Dighton,	Preston Cummings,	Dec. 26, 1827	22	46	68					1			3	70	
West Taunton,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1315	30	97	127	3	4	7	2			3	4	150	
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	20	100	120									130	25
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,	Sept. 1826			80									60	
Middleborough 2d,	John Shaw,	1819	23	53	36										
		Total,	323	822	1225	20	39	59	9	20	1	9	48	1660	370

20. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms, 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.		
N. Bedford N. Ch.	Sylvester Holmes,	1811	100	212	312	12	14	26	2	7	1	7	10	200	
" Trin. Ch.	James A. Roberts,	1832													
" First Ch.															
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	1822													
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	1829													
Rochester Cen. Ch.	Jonathan Bigelow,	1827	24	77	101	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	130	40
" South Ch.	Oliver Cobb,	1799	17	37	54	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	70	
" North Ch.	Samuel Utley,	1831													
Mattapoisett,	Sam'l Le Barron, }	1772													
	Thomas Robbins, }	1832	35	72	107	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	4	92	35
Dartmouth, South,	T. T. Richmond,	1832	8	34	42	1	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	80	
Middleboro' 1st. Par.															
Edgarton,	Ebenezer Poor,														
		Total,	184	432	616	13	17	30	5	16	2	7	21	272	75

21. PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1833.			Removals in 1833.			Baptisms 1833.		No. in Sab. Sc'l.	No. in B Class
			Males	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Hanson,	F. P. Howland,	Oct. 25, 1826	12	36	48	5	0	5	1	0	2	2	1	85	30
Halifax,	E. G. Howe,	Nov. 15, 1832	20	45	65	1	0	1	2	1	1			50	
Carver,	P. Chase,	Oct. 15, 1828	43	77	120	9	0	9	2	0	0	7	1	115	30
Plymouth, 2d. Parish,	G. Conant,	April 24, 1834	30	61	91	6	4	10	2	1	1	4	9		
" 3d. "	Thomas Boutelle,	May 21, 1834	31	98	129	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	60	20
" 4th. "	B. Whitmore,	Oct. 13, 1818	25	53	78	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	80	
Kingston,	(Vacant.)		8	22	30									30	30
Plympton,	E. Dexter,	Jan. 18, 1809	37	103	140	2	2	4	1	4		1		140	130
		Total,	206	395	701	23	9	32	11	10	4	14	14	560	140

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22. BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION—*No Report.*

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in	No. in	Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults.	Infants.	Sab. Sc.	B Class	

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☞It is much to be regretted, that the returns, for the present year, are so imperfect. From four Associations, and from many individual churches besides, we have no reports. Will not each District Association take effectual measures, next year, and in all future years, to have a complete statistical report prepared of all the churches connected with it, and to have it forwarded, at the proper time, to the General Association? And will not those who prepare these reports, bear in mind the directions above given, and submit their reports in a state of preparation for the press? A number of the reports, for the present year, the Publishing Committee have been obliged to copy off at length, and upon others to bestow an equal or greater amount of labor, before they could be put into the hands of the printer—a task which ought not to be imposed upon them.

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN FRAMINGHAM, JUNE, 1835.

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The General Association of Massachusetts assembled at the meeting-house of the Rev. Mr. Trask, in Framingham, on Tuesday, June 23, 1835, at 5 o'clock, P. M. and was called to order by the Rev. Mr. Trask.

The Rev. Sylvester Holmes, was chosen Moderator, the Rev. Warren Fay, D. D. Scribe, and the Rev. Erastus Maltby, Assistant Scribe.

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Barnstable Association,	Rev. Samuel Williams.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. E. Fisk, Rev. J. Ide.

Foreign Bodies.

Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,	Rev. Joseph Treat, Rev. Baxter Dickinson.
Gen. Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Calvin Chapin, D. D. Rev. George A. Calhoun.
Gen. Convention, Vermont,	Rev. Clark Perry.
Gen. Asso. of New Hampshire,	Rev. William Patrick, Rev. Calvin Cutler.
Gen. Conference of Maine,	Rev. Stephen Morse.
Evangelical Consociation of R. I.	Rev. A. Henry Dumont, Rev. Thomas Shepard.
Gen. Association of New York,	Rev. Pindar Field.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. Secretary of General Association, Rev. Dr. Kellogg and Rev. George Traske, Colleague Pastors of the Church in Framingham, were, ex-officio, members of the Association.

After reading the rules of the Association by the Secretary, the Moderator led in prayer.

Rev. Orin Fowler reported his attendance at the General Association of Connecticut, last year, as a delegate from this body, and took his seat, ex-officio, as an Honorary Member.

Rev. Drs. Fay, Ely and Snell, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Cobb and Dr. Snell, were appointed a Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. White and Joseph Knight, were chosen a Committee to audit the Treasurer's Account.

Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, of Boston, were appointed Agents of the Association for the ensuing year.

Rev. Messrs. J. Fiske, Miller and Robbins, were appointed a Committee of Nominations.

Rev. Messrs. Condit, Dickinson, Withington, Tileston and Robbins, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Narrative of the state of Religion.

Rev. Messrs. Blagden, Winslow and Bates, of the Suffolk North Association, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Pastoral Address for the next Association.

The Woburn Association, by their delegates Rev. Jonas Colburn and Rev. Joseph Bennett, applied for membership in this body; also that their delegates may now take a seat; and Rev. Messrs. Harding, Boies and Bradford, were appointed a Committee to report on this subject.

Adjourned to meet in this house to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday morning 8 *o'clock.* Met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator led in prayer. The Minutes of the preceding day were read by the Assistant Scribe.

The Committee on the case of Woburn Association reported, that said Association be received, and the delegates be admitted to seats at this meeting.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

The delegates of the Salem and Vicinity Association being providentially prevented from attending this Association, wrote a letter of apology for their absence, which was accepted.

Voted, That Agents of Benevolent Societies presenting their various objects be limited to twenty minutes each.

Rev. Mr. Trask presented the following resolutions in relation to Temperance.

1. *Resolved*, That, as the manufacture of ardent spirit, and the traffic in it, to be used as a drink, is now known, and generally acknowledged to be an immorality, which tends powerfully to hinder the progress of the gospel, and is, in its influence, exceedingly destructive to the temporal and eternal interests of men, it is, in our view, the duty of all members of the Christian Church, both in their individual and in their associated capacity, perseveringly to use all suitable means to cause this evil immediately and universally to cease.

2. *Resolved*, That continuance in this immorality, with a knowledge of the subject, or with the means of becoming acquainted with it, is, in our view, a sufficient reason, not only why persons should not be admitted as members of the Christian Church, but, after all proper means have, for a suitable time, been used in vain, to reclaim them, is a sufficient reason also, why they should not be continued as members of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That the practice of importing or exporting such liquor, or in any way furnishing it, to be used as a drink, and also the renting of buildings to be occupied for the sale of it, are, in our view, entirely at variance with the Christian religion, and ought, especially by all professed friends of that religion, to be universally abandoned.

Delegates from the General Association of New York presented the request of that body to this, that terms of mutual correspondence might be established between them, like those of other ecclesiastical bodies in New England; which was committed to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Bennett, Howe, and Cobb.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. E. Fisk and Park have leave of absence.

The Committee to whom was committed the request of the General Association of New York, reported that that Associa-

tion be admitted to correspondence with this body on the same principles on which it holds correspondence with other ecclesiastical bodies in New England, which report was adopted; and it was voted, that two delegates be appointed to attend their next meeting; also, that the Rev. Pindar Field be received as a delegate at this meeting.

In compliance with the request of the General Conference of Maine, that the General Association of Massachusetts and Connecticut and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island consult with them on making such an arrangement of their annual meetings, as that the delegates from Foreign Ecclesiastical bodies and Religious Benevolent Societies, may be able to attend all these Annual Meetings.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Robbins, Morse, Calhoun, Fay, and Dumont, be a Committee to report on this subject.

Rev. George C. Beckwith addressed the Association in behalf of the American Peace Society; after which the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Association, that the practice of war is one of the greatest hindrances to the universal spread and triumph of the gospel.

2. *Resolved*, That the American Peace Society, having for its object the abolition of war by the diffusion of light respecting its physical and moral evils, is eminently entitled to the cordial co-operation and support of all the churches of Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That this Association recommend to all the ministers of the gospel within its bounds to use their influence, by public and private instruction, and in all suitable ways, to discourage war and promote peace through the world.

Dr. Ely and Rev. Messrs. Miller, Withington, Allen, and Joseph Clark were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. Rev. Mr. Blanchard, late of Cincinnati, Ohio, addressed the Association in behalf of common education at the West: after which, Voted, that the subject be referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Ide, Shepard, and Winslow.

Voted, That the question whether ministers, who are not pastors shall be eligible to membership in this Association, or delegation to other Ecclesiastical Bodies, be submitted to a

Committee of three; and Rev. Mr. Robbins, Dr. Snell, and Rev. J. Fiske were chosen.

Adjourned to meet in this house at 2 o'clock this afternoon; to attend to the Narrative of the state of religion.

Met agreeably to adjournment, and attended to the Narratives.

Rev. R. Anderson, one of the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M. addressed the Association in behalf of that Society.

Rev. O. Eastman, one of the Secretaries of the American Tract Society, presented the claims of the American Tract Society on the charities of the Benevolent.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Treat, Morse and Miller have leave of absence.

Voted, That, after uniting in prayer with the Moderator, the Association adjourn, to meet in this house to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. The Moderator led in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Field and Tileston had leave of absence.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association, on the 4th Tuesday of June, 1836, be at Worthington, within the limits of the Mountain Association.

Voted, That the Hampshire Central Association appoint the next preacher to this Association.

Rev. William M. Rogers was appointed first preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

Rev. Mr. Winslow, Dr. Ely, and Dr. Snell were appointed a Committee to nominate a second preacher in behalf of the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. Fay, and Rev. Messrs. Gilbert and Adams were appointed a Committee of publication.

Rev. Messrs. Trask, Robbins, and Boies were appointed to make suitable preparation for preaching and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper this afternoon.

The Committee to whom was committed the subject of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, presented the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the salvation of our country and the world demands that public female education should become avowedly and *really* an important instrument, in training *all* our daughters to give their whole influence to the cause of the Redeemer—

teaching them, as the direct aim of all their attainments, the great principle of coming up in Christian action to the spirit of the present age, and even to the standard of the Bible.

2. *Resolved*, That the churches of the Lord Jesus have never yet made sufficient efforts to give the daughters of New England adequate facilities for acquiring such an education.

3. *Resolved*, That the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, or any other which shall furnish such facilities, ought to receive the cordial approbation and the liberal patronage of the enlightened Christian public.

The Rev. Clark Perry was excused from attendance this morning on account of ill health.

Rev. J. B. Condit was appointed second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

Voted, To approve the course of the Secretary of this Association, in giving a commission to Rev. Dr. Humphrey, to attend the congregational Union of England and Wales last spring.

Voted, That the subject of appointing delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales be referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Allen and J. Fiske, and Dr. Snell.

Voted, That the subject of "Exiled Churches" be continued to the next Association, and that the same Committee be instructed to consider this subject further, and report next year.

Respecting the religious exercises of this afternoon, the Committee reported, that, as the preacher appointed is detained by illness, and his substitute is not present, the sermon be dispensed with, and that Dr. Chapin, Rev. Mr. Robbins, Dr. Cogswell, and Rev. Mr. Trask, perform the religious exercises of the communion.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Burgess be chairman of the Committee on "Exiled Churches" in this state, provided the present chairman, Rev. Mr. Storrs, should be unable, by illness, to attend to this duty.

Voted, That the Rev. Messrs. D. D. Field, Tracy, of Sutton, and Howe, of Pepperell, take the places on this Committee vacated by the death of Dr. Hyde and the removal of Rev. Messrs. Rockwood and Chickering.

The Committee on the subject of common education in Indiana, reported the following resolutions, which report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted; viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the welfare of the civil and religious institutions of our country demand vigorous and persevering efforts in behalf of elementary institutions in all parts of the land, and especially at the West.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the alarming fact, that there are in our Western Valley, multitudes of children and adults who are unable to read or write, systematic efforts ought to be made to extend the means of education throughout that very interesting and important portion of our country.

The Committee on the subject, whether ministers who are not pastors are eligible to membership in this Association, or delegation to other ecclesiastical bodies, made the following report, which was adopted; viz:

That, according to their views of the principles on which this General Association was formed, and according to the Standing Rules of this body, as understood by the Committee, none but Pastors of churches within this Commonwealth are eligible as members of this Association, and no others are to be appointed by this Association as delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies.

The Committee to whom was referred the request of the General Conference of Maine, respecting a change in the arrangements of annual meetings of this Association and ecclesiastical bodies connected with it, made the following report, which was adopted; viz.

That the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island holds its annual meeting on the 2d Tuesday in June; the General Association of Connecticut, the 3d Tuesday in June; and the General Association of Massachusetts, the 4th Tuesday in June. The General Conference of Maine is now held on the same day with the General Association in Massachusetts. That the annual meetings of the whole may be held in regular succession, so that delegates from abroad and Agents of public Institutions may conveniently attend them all, a change in the time of the meeting in Maine would accomplish the object, and that this change would be attended with less inconvenience than any other that occurs to your Committee. They therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our delegates to the next General Conference of Maine be directed to request that body, respectfully, to fix the time of their annual meeting, if they deem it expedient, on the Tuesday following the fourth Tuesday of June, each year.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare a Pastoral Address reported an address, which was accepted, to be published under the direction of the publishing Committee.

The Committee on Foreign delegation reported, that it is not expedient to send a delegation to the Congregational Union of England and Wales next year, and that two associates be appointed next year, for the year following.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted; viz.

To General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Rev. Erastus Maltby, Rev. Bancroft Fowler, } Primaries. Rev. Artemas Boies, Rev. Alfred Elly, D. D. } Substitutes.

General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. George Allen, Rev. Jared Reed, } Primaries. Rev. Thomas Robbins, Rev. Hiram A. Tracy, } Substitutes.

General Association of New Hampshire,

Rev. Joseph Whittlesey, Rev. Gardiner B. Perry, } Primaries. Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. Rev. James D. Farnsworth, } Substitutes.

General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. Ebenezer Burgess, Rev. John Sanford, } Primaries. Rev. Amos Blanchard, Rev. Levi Packard, } Substitutes.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Rev. Jonas Perkins, } Primaries. Rev. David Bigham, Rev. Rodney A. Miller, } Substitutes.

General Conference of Maine,

Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D. Rev. James Kimball, } Primaries. Rev. Alvan Cobb, Rev. Sewall Harding, } Substitutes.

General Association of New York,

Rev. D. D. Field, Rev. Benjamin Wood, } Primaries. Rev. Joseph Penney, D. D. Rev. Luther Sheldon, } Substitutes.

The Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion presented a report, which was accepted.

Voted, That this Narrative be published under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account made report, which was accepted.

The Resolutions on Temperance were taken up and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Harding addressed the Association on the subject of the American Doctrinal Tract Society.

Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Secretary of the American Education Society, addressed the Association in behalf of that Society; after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the great, increasing, and imperative demand for ministers in our own country and in the world, it is the solemn duty of the Christians of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make far greater efforts than they ever have made to increase the number of suitably qualified Ambassadors of the cross.

Rev. Messrs. Fay, Boies, Condit, and Bradford had leave of absence.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented, through the agency of Rev. Mr. Trask, to the church and people under his care, for their kindness and hospitality extended to this Association during their present session; and also to the choir of singers, for their acceptable services.

Voted, To adjourn to meet in this house at 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 *o'clock*, *P. M.* Met according to adjournment, and celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and engaged in other appropriate religious exercises.

The foregoing Minutes were then read and accepted as a true record of the doings of this Association. After prayer, in which Dr. Kellogg led, the Association adjourned sine die.

Sylvester Holmes, *Moderator.*
Warren Fay, *Scribe.*
Erastus Maltby, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas'r.*

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June 25, 1834.	By balance in the Treasury,		$20 63
June 23, 1835.	Received from District Association, as follows, viz.		
	Berkshire Association,	$9 50	
	Mountain,	3 00	
	Franklin,	6 00	
	Hampshire Central,	8 50	
	Hampden,	6 50	
	Brookfield,	6 00	
	Harmony,	4 50	
	Worcester Central,	5 50	
	Worcester North,	4 50	
	Middlesex Union,	5 50	
	Middlesex South,	6 50	
	Woburn,	4 50	
	Andover,	4 50	
	Essex North,	7 00	
	Salem and Vicinity,	0 00	
	Suffolk North,	4 50	
	Suffolk South,	3 50	
	Norfolk,	7 00	
	Taunton,	4 00	
	Old Colony,	4 00	
	Barnstable,	4 00	
	Pilgrim,	3 00	
June 24, 1835.	Arrears received from Pilgrim, Barnstable, Suffolk North, and Salem and Vicinity Association,	21 50	154 13
	Contra, Dr.		
June 15, 1834.	To postage,	0 10	
June 16, 1835.	To postage,	0 10	
" 24, "	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents in Boston, for printing, &c.	119 79	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	5 50	125 49
	Balance in the Treasury,		28 64

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correctly kept and cast.

W. E. WHITE,
JOSEPH KNIGHT, } *Auditing Committee.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

When we ask of the churches, what the Lord has done for them the last year, they reply, from almost every quarter, that He has done something. We do not hear of revivals of religion in every association; and in very few have there been *many* extensive revivals of religion. We should be glad, could we say that it had been a more signal year of God's mercy to the churches, than any previous one. But much that we have heard has brought sorrow to our hearts. We will sorrow, however, with hope—with the hope that God's people will at once humble themselves, lift up holy hands and earnest cries, that the gospel may be believed, and the arm of the Lord revealed.

There is strong evidence, however, that the kingdom of Christ has been built up the past year among us. It is matter of gratitude that several new churches have been organized. Hundreds of souls have been born again. Many churches have been increased. The weak have been made strong, and the strong have become stronger. The light of the church has not been as great as it ought to have been; but it has not been entirely hid. The present state of things throughout our portion of the church seems to be, that Christians begin to think, we hope to *feel*, that they must not remain as they are. May this feeling go up in prevailing prayer to God, and result in a strong purpose, faithfully executed, to live near to God and in the performance of duty.

We are able to report revivals in Williams and Amherst Colleges. At Amherst there are about 180 students who give evidence of being disciples of Christ. Let us be thankful, that God has sanctified so many young men in these institutions. Upon some Academies, also, the Spirit has descended. We are greatly encouraged to pray for our Literary Institutions, that they may become eminently the nurseries of piety and of the church.

The Theological Seminary at Andover has never flourished any previous year, as it has the past. Here we must mention the increased interest that is felt in training up young men for the ministry. The Education Society has spread itself, and we hope will spread more. The churches love it better, and we trust will foster it with a still more enlarged benevolence. We must notice also with pleasure that in the departments of Tract, Foreign and Home Missionary operations, there has been a corresponding advance.

Not merely for the sake of custom do we mention the cause of Sabbath Schools. God has made it prosper greatly. Reports of the condition of this Institution are universally favorable. Fathers and mothers come in with their children to study the Bible.

The Temperance reform has come to that point, when we do not measure so great a distance onward in one year as formerly. As soon as we pause to see what is the matter, we find the manufacture and the traffic in ardent spirit especially to stand in the way. There is reason to believe also that the consciences of many Christians are not right on this subject.

The reports of the churches have generally omitted the subject of the observance of the Sabbath. We wish that it were safe to account for this omission by saying that there is little *cause* to mourn over the desecration of the Lord's day; but we know that it is not so.

We continue to walk in love with other departments of the church of Christ. The brethren they send to counsel with us do greatly cheer us. From the General Association of the Presbyterian Church and the churches of our New England States, we have received reports which indicate a healthy condition and a vigorous prosecution of the important interests of Christ's kingdom. Several Colleges in the bounds of the Presbyterian church, Yale College, and Dartmouth have enjoyed the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

At this meeting we have had the pleasure of receiving a delegate from the General Association in the state of New York, recently organized. We open our hearts to welcome them, and will cherish the correspondence with the Brethren of that body with affectionate interest.

Such a review of the state of the churches ought to make better ministers and better Christians. Let the servants of Christ labor with increased delight and devotion. How sweet and consoling is the truth that God lives to take care of his church. We hear of the death of several beloved fellow laborers in the gospel. Let ministers and churches hear the solemn voice of warning. It is time to cease from man, and trust more in God. Go forward, friends of Jesus,—love your Master more, and serve him more faithfully. Waste not breath and time and strength in strife. Christ wants your power, and light, and property. Put forth all you can of these, ere you are cut down and your labors ended. Then you will be ready for the hastening hour when Jesus shall call you home.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the churches under their care;—

Brethren, Beloved in the Lord,

We feel it to be a duty to come to you this year with language expressive of our unabated interest in you as the followers of Christ, and in the kingdom of our common Lord. Our hearts are glad, when we know that the Lord hath made you to prosper. For your increase in faith, hope, and love, we would give thanks unto him, who worketh effectually in all them that believe. But we are grieved, when we hear of the affliction of Joseph. If Zion has troubles we are troubled with her, and would call upon our souls and all that is within us to mourn for Jerusalem. In your joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, we participate, for "all we are brethren." When we speak to you, it is for your profit, in the name of the Lord as watchmen of Zion. We would arouse you, when you slumber, alarm you, when in danger, counsel you when you halt, and chide you when you wander.

Suffer then the word of exhortation.

1. We would warn you against inconstancy in religion.—On this subject, we have great solicitude, and cannot refrain from expressing the feelings of our hearts. If Christians are to be active, prayerful, and devoted *periodically*, they will jeopard the interests of the church. If this is to become the *habit* of your piety as Christ's disciples, we shall mourn over it. If you form

a *character* as Christians for appearing at special seasons, very active and spirited, and only at these set seasons, we cannot fail to give you an alarm, for your master would not have it so. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immoveable, *always abounding* in the work of the Lord." The ministers in order to have any suitable encouragement from you, need to be assured, that you are *always* on duty—that you have on the panoply of God day by day—that Zion's prosperity is this day, this week, and *all the time*, a matter of deep solicitude with you. Let them see that your religion is such, that you can frequently relax the strong pressure of all your energies in the service of Christ, fall back from the ranks of the praying in the social circles, put on a new dress in your conversation with the world, how must their hands hang down and their spirits sink within them!

We cannot see an *inconstant* piety become prevalent without trembling, because this is not the kind of piety for this day of the church and the world. The *times* require that God's people keep at the work, with a steady, firm, warm devotion. Do you not see how much ground will be lost by your inconstancy? how the moral power of the church will be weakened? Is not the work, good, great and holy enough, to spend every moment of life heartily engaged in it? Are the burning motives which should influence you to holy action ever lessened?

Will you for a year, a month, or a day virtually take back your enlistment, and withdraw, from the ranks of the captain of your salvation? If you do, who will take care of that breach you make, that the enemy may not enter? Brethren, we earnestly exhort you to stedfastness.

2. We would warn you against dependence on men and means. Consider man as nothing more than man, and means as nothing more than means. Take care lest you give divinity to human instrumentality, because it is of a novel or striking character. "We have the treasure of the Gospel in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." The conversion of sinners, whether of the moralist, profligate, or infidel, is not by human might. The sanctification of believers, the enlargement of Zion, and the conversion of the world must come about under the efficient power of the spirit of God. The church needs to have more unbounded trust in God and less confidence in man: less self-

sufficiency, and more unqualified reliance on the arm of her Savior. Let her lean there, and then she will go up from the wilderness, with might not her own, but with the mighty arm of Jacob to help her, and with certain victory. As you use your means and adopt your measures, pray first, pray midst, and pray last, that you may receive the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

3. We would direct you to make your Bibles, your daily study. Come to this business systematically, and perseveringly. If you would be *revival* Christians such as Christ and the church demand, you must be *Biblical* Christians.

This duty is immediately connected with the keeping of your hearts. We would not have you depreciate the importance of external public duties. Let them have a high place in the scale of christian engagements. And there is no danger about it, if external religious effort is the fruit of christian principle, and is attended with the duties of prayer and the study of the Bible. But the danger is, that you will look to that for the nutriment of grace, and let it displace that heartwork in the presence of God, before the mercy seat, and over the Bible, without which love will not be kept burning on the altar. You may conclude, that your hearts are not right, if you are *satisfied* with little attention to these private duties; although with bustle and noise you may be working some external machinery. These outward works must be performed. And if you have no disposition to engage in them, you may doubt whether you are the people of God! But you are prone to *trust* in them. There is cause to fear that you will come insensibly to rely upon this long array of outworks, while the inward pruning, and searching, and probing, are neglected. We wish to see you always ready for benevolent action; and for this we believe, you always will be ready, if you spend much time over the Bible and in prayer. Let your Christian character shine in the field of public efforts for the good of men; but let not the temptation assail and master you, that what you do for the observation of others, is enough. Remember the plant of grace must have refreshment in the secret nursery under the beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Keep your hearts close to the fountain of truth, light, and holiness. Bear down hard upon inward corruption. Run not into a superficial religion. Daily cultivate penitence, humility, faith, and love by communion with God. We want the reaching forth of your energies over the field of human woe, to be prompted by a deep, sanctified principle in your breast, and to be accom-

panied by an humble, fervent, growing state of your pious affections.

Again; We would affectionately urge a more conscientious regard to the regular institutions of religion. Sacredly guard by your example and influence, against the profanation of the Lord's day. This sin is assuming a most fearful magnitude in our country. As professors of religion, feel your obligations to do all you can to protect this safeguard of our liberties, and hope of the church. Walk so blamelessly in the observance of this and every other ordinance of God, that the cause of Christ shall be saved from reproach, and that its friends may bear decided and united testimony against sin. Give careful attention to the ordinance of Infant Baptism. Be diligent for the early conversion of your children, by faithful instruction, by Maternal Associations for the purpose of prayer and counsel for this object, and the use of every means in your power.

Finally, Brethren, we exhort you not to slumber all this year. It is high time to awake out of sleep. Join hands and hearts in the work of saving souls. Keep your hearts open and God will keep heaven open. May you flourish greatly, and may God be with you and build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following;—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclains ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country; and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed. who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association. shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M. at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachuestts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transact-

ing any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the Minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The Minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of a Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The Rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question! viz. Shall the main question be now put.

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the whole session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body, connected with it, shall annually appoint each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted in each body, to the same rights of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to the Association, to be invited to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address, being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday P. M. after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, &c. shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by

them respectively. One copy of each publication received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon. And the Church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail; and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session in June, 1835.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.				Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex		Adults.	Infants.		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug. 25, 1819	62	156	218	7	1	8	4	17	0		1	6	141	40
" North,	(Vacant.)		40	88	128	34	30	64	2	2	0		18	1	88	86
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	64	198	262	2	2	4	4	5	0		1	2	373	165
G. Barrington,	Sylvester Burt,	Feb. 12, 1823	65	139	204	3	3	6	2	12	0		1	3	301	0
N. Marlborough, N.	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	57	122	179	9	2	11	5	7	0		4	6	125	20
" South,	(Vacant.)		20	40	60	0	1	1	1	2	0		0	1	20	12
Tyringham,	Lucius Field,	Mar. 27, 1833	52	90	142	1	1	2	4	5	2		0	5	120	
Sandisfield,	Platt T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	54	151	205	34	1	35	4	16	0		11	3	143	50
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	38	120	158	2	2	4	1	6	0		0	15	150	B. C. inclu'd.
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	139	265	404	2	3	5	11	12	0				400	66
Lanesborough,	Henry B. Hooker,	May 2, 1827	39	78	117	11	4	15	2	0	0		8	4	70	40
Williamstown,	Joseph Alden,	July 3, 1834	212	316	528	31	5	36	3	25	1		17	18	380	
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	51	113	164	0	1	1	2	4	0		0	3	120	
Lenox,	S'l Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	129	190	319	0	1	1	4	16	1		0	12	174	20
Peru,	Thomas R. Rawson,	July 10, 1834	80	100	180	12	1	13	3	4	0		4	2	290	20
Windsor,			42	86	128	0	2	2	1	9	0		0	7	195	in both.
" 2d Parish,			13	23	36	0	1	1	2	0	0		0	1	41	"
Lee,	Joshua N. Danforth,	June 18, 1834	129	234	363	20	3	23	4	11	0		6	20	315	"
Dalton,			65	95	160	6	3	9	4	3	0		4	6	150	
West Stockbridge,	Munson C. Gaylord,	Feb. 4, 1829	55	105	160	30	0	30	1	10	0		39	0	125	35
" Village,			18	35	53	18	10	28	0	2	0		18	1	50	20
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	43	86	129	7	2	9	2	7	0		1	8	90	0
Otis,	Rufus Pomeroy,	Feb. 15, 1832	48	76	124	0	1	1	2	3	0		0	2	57	40
Egremont,	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	19	42	61	1	0	1	0	2	0		0	0	101	50
North Adams,	Alvah Day,	May 27, 1835	36	87	123	26	1	27	0		0		13	2	100	20
Mount Washington,			5	18	23	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	58	12
Canaan, 4 Cor. N. Y.	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Feb. 4, 1835	30	75	105	1	1	2	1	6	0		0	4	70	45
Williams College,*			23	0	23											
* Formed June 15, 1834.		Total,	1628	3128	4756	307	82	389	70	186	4		146	137	4247	741

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Plainfield,	Moses Hallock, David Kimball,														
Washington,	Caleb Knight,	Dec. 26, 1826	15	36	51	1			3	4			1	30	20
Cummington,	Roswell Hawkes,														
Norwich,	Samuel Russell,	Sept. 6, 1834	50	77	127	2	1	3						150	20
Worthington,	Henry Adams,	Dec. 25, 1833			160		5	5	5	10	1		11	200	20
Middlefield,	John H. Bisbee,	Feb. 19, 1834	42	75	117		3	3	1	9			6	90	20
Chester,	Alanson Alvord,	Nov. 19, 1834	66	123	189	4	4	8					1	150	50
Chesterfield,	(Vacant.)		27	72	99					4			2	0	0
Goshen,	(Vacant.)														
		Total,	200	373	743	6	13	19	9	27	1		21	490	130

HAMPSHIRE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Amherst, 1st Parish,	(Vacant.)														
" 2d "	Nathan Perkins, Jr.	Oct. 10, 1810	80	150	230				9	3			10	170	
" South,	Aaron Gates,	Feb. 1, 1832	33	57	90	2	2	4	3	4			10	200	
" North,	William W. Hunt,	March 7, 1827	37	71	108	4	4	8		4		2	4	180	
" College,	H. Humphrey, D.D.	Feb. 28, 1827			95	6	30	36							
Belchertown, 1st,	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833													
Brainard Church, organized Sept. 30, 1834,	Sam'l W. Whelpley,	(Supply.)	23	56	89		22	22	1				3	150	100
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	71	145	216	31	5	36	1	6		9	10	170	
Enfield,	S. G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1828			271	10	6	16	6	7			4	379	
Granby, 1st Parish,	Joseph Knight,	Mar. 10, 1830	63	132	195	3	4	7	4	5			13	235	
" West "	Eli Moody,	Dec. 29, 1830	53	90	143	3	5	8	3	2		1	6	130	
Hadley, 1st Parish,	John Brown, D. D.	Mar. 2, 1831	132	221	353	8	5	13	6	20			9	235	50
" 2d "	Ebenezer Brown,	April 8, 1835	18	22	40									Inf S. 60	or more.
Hatfield,	Levi Pratt,	June 23, 1830	47	110	157	13	11	24	3	2		5	9	200	
Greenwich,	Joseph Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830			130		2	2	2	2	1		2	150	
Northampton, 1st,	Joseph Penny, D. D.	June 4, 1833	198	545	743	99	11	108	10	13		8	42	460	
Edward's Church,	John Todd,	Jan. 30, 1833	86	118	204	75	13	88	2	5		11	15	200	250
Prescott,	(Vacant.)				100	4		4	4			3	3	60	40
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	160	257	417	21	9	30	8	11	6	3	18	493	
South Hadley, 1st,	(Vacant.)				220	3	1	4	4		8			180	
" 2d,	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	20	50	70		6	6	1	9	1		5	100	Various.
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale,	Sept. 1, 1779													
	H. B. Chapin,	July 8, 1829	72	127	199	8	2	10	3	6			8	200	
Williamsburg,	(Vacant.)		80	156	236		2	2	8	5	3		8	250	50
		Total,	1155	2307	4236	290	140	428	78	104	19	42	179	4202	490

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashfield,	Mason Grosvenor,	May 9, 1833	95	170	265	0	3	3	2	9	1	0	13	225	65
Bernardston Trin. Society,	Vinson Gould,*	Oct. 1833	10	21	31	1	0	1		1	0	0	1	26	20
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	56	117	173	5	4	9	4	14	0	4	4		
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	Mar. 16, 1825	43	97	140	3	0	3	1	5	0	0	3	300	Inc. Sab. Sc.
Colerain,	Aretas Loomis,	Aug. 5, 1829	29	89	118	3	5	8	1	4	0	0	2	150	
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	73	214	287	3	9	12	3	15	0	0	8	320	100
Deerfield,†														Inf C. 50	
Deerfield, South,			40	95	135	1	6	7	1	2	0	0	6	130	0
Erving's Grant,															
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,*	(Supply.)	17	56	73	3	4	7	2	8	3	1	12	154	20
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	12	28	40	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	40	15
Greenfield, 2d,			23	57	80	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	90	12
Hawley, 1st,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834	96	127	223	0	4	4	2	5	0	0	2		
Hawley, 2d.	The. Packard, Jr.	(Supply.)	34	41	75	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	5	40	20
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	70	130	200	1	2	3	5	13	0	0		200	0
Montague,	Benjamin Holmes,	Oct. 19, 1834	27	42	69	0	1	1	2	1	0			60	
Northfield Trin. Society,	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831	22	55	77	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	60	20
Rowe,	C. C. Thompson,	(Supply.)	3	16	24	3	3	6	1					15	6
Shelburn,	The. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	The. Packard, Jr.	Mar. 12, 1828	60	111	171	0	1	1	4	5	0	0	10	300	
Sunderland,	Henry B. Holmes,	Jan. 31, 1833	46	81	127	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	10	320	
Wendell,	William Claggett,														
		Total,	762	1347	2118	31	46	77	38	80	5	9	77	2430	278

† This Church was organized in Deerfield Street, June 2, 1835. * Not associated.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1834.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Barre,															
Brimfield,	Joseph Fuller,	Mar. 11, 1835	84	177	261									250	40
Brookfield, West,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	116	234	350	11	11	22	7	13	0	6	11	400	
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone, / Richard Woodruff,	Mar. 11, 1801 / Feb. 5, 1834	23	42	65	3	5	8	0	2	0	0	11	120	
Charlton,	W. H. Whittemore,														
Dudley,															
Hardwick,	Martyn Tupper,	Apr. 16, 1828	68	132	200	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	10	220	
Holland,															
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	42	126	168	0	0	0	7	7	0	1	8		
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	53	125	178	0	2	2	6	3	0	0	5	340	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson, / James Kimball,	June 22, 1786 / Dec. 25, 1832	55	108	163	10	2	12	2	3	1	6	9	300	
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 11, 1832	47	128	175	3	2	5	5	2	0	1	8	200	
Petersham,	Caleb B. Tracy,	June 26, 1834	24	54	78	2	11	13	1	4	0	0	1	160	40
Southbridge,	Henry J. Lamb,	June 6, 1833	22	63	85	3	5	8	0	8	2	0	3	225	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	30	96	126	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	3		
Sturbridge,	Joseph S. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	96	105	301	2	8	10	5	3	0	1	6	350	60
Ware, 1st Parish,	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	52	116	168	1	2	3	6	3	0	0	8	225	
Ware, East "	Parsons Cook,	June 21, 1826	61	167	228	4	6	10	2	19	1	3	8		
		Total,	773	1683	2456	39	70	109	43	71	5	18	91	2790	140

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Pastors.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.	Baptisms, 1834.				No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Douglas 1st Con. Ch.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	34	79	113	1	1	2	7	40	2	1	6		
Grafton,	John Wilde,	June 20, 1832	61	130	191	2	2	4	5	14		2	1		
Millbury 1st Church,	Osgood Herrick,	Dec. 9, 1830	77	137	214	1	2	3	5	2	1	0	6	265	
North Mendon,	(Vacant.)														
Millville,	(Vacant.)														
Northbridge,	Charles Forbush,	June 4, 1834	30	62	92		2	2		34			5	150	
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	63	159	222				1	4			2		
Ward,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	72	133	205		3	3	4	5	2		8		
Westborough,	(Vacant.)		86	182	268										
Waterford,	C. P. Grosvenor,	July 16, 1834	7	8	15					2		2	5	70	
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	June 1, 1796			190				6				6		
Uxbridge Evan. Ch.	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	55	161	216	30	2	32	7	5		14	10	230	
		Total,	485	1051	1726	34	12	46	35	106	5	19	49	715	

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms. 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants		
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1833	95	183	278	97	12	109	3	6	1	55	8	110	174
Athol,	James F. Warner,	Mar. 1835	75	125	208	79	6	85	8	1	1	32	20	250	
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	78	142	220	47	4	51	0	5	1	22	2	175	
Philipston,	Joseph Chickering,	July 10, 1822													
Princeton,	A. Phillips,	June 7, 1820	60	120	180	14	0	14	6	2	1	6	11	120	30
Royalston,	E. Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819													
Templeton,	L. P. Bates,	Jan. 16, 1833	38	85	103	32	2	34	2	1		6	9	150	
Warwick,	Samuel Kingsbury,	Nov. 6, 1833	29	34	53	16	4	20	0	5	0	5	0	100	
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815													
Winchendon,*	(Not reported.)														
		Total,	375	689	1042	285	28	313	19	19	4	126	50	905	204

* NOTE.——Winchendon destitute—it become so Feb., 1835.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Boylston,	Wm. H. Semford,	Oct. 17, 1832	65	104	169	8	3	11	5	1	0	1	8	150	
East Douglas,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835				2	7	9	2	0	0			160	50
Holden,	Wm P. Paine,	Oct 24, 1833	174	241	415	15	5	20	4	8	0	7	10	450	
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	66	154	220	12	2	14	8	4	0	4	24		
Leicester,	John Nelson,	Mar. 4, 1812	75	180	255	10	6	16	4	3	0	5	14	221	
Millbury 2d Con. Ch.	Wm. A. Larned,	May 7, 1834	66	99	165	1	12	13	1	9	0	1	9	200	
Northbridge Vil'ge Cong. Church,	Michael Barrett,	April 15, 1835	13	47	60	17	11	28	1	0	0	16	17	150	40
Oxford,	Loren Robbins,	Dec. 26, 1832	50	75	125	5	0	5	4	2	0	4	7	100	
Paxton,	J. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835	30	60	90	3	6	9		1	0	2	6	60	
Princeton 1st Con. Society,	(Vacant.)		30	70	100	13	2	15			0		0		
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	88	151	239	3	0	3	4	0	0	1	8	300	
Shrewsbury,	Geo. Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823			140		5	5	6	4			4	130	50
West Boylston,	Elijah Paine,	Nov. 14, 1834	60	90	150	0	5	5	2	5	0	0	6	150	
Worcester 1st Ch.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			335	7	15	22	3	5		5	13	300	
Worcester Cal. Ch.	J. S. C. Abbot,	Jan. 28, 1830			202		23	23	2	6	3	5	14	235	60
		Total,	717	1271	2715	96	102	198	46	48	3	51	145	2656	150

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Acton Evan. Soc.	Jas. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	64	116	180	15	5	20	1	3	2	7	3	80	
Ashby Cal. Cong.	Orsamus Tinker,	Jan. 1, 1834	55	109	164	7	5	12	1	8		1	14	290	
Bolton Evan. Cong.	(Vacant.)		47	82	129	9	15	24	1	16	1		5		
Boxboro' Trin. Soc.	Joseph W. Cross,	Oct. 1, 1834													
Carlisle, 2d. Parish,	Abel Patten,	May 22, 1833	10	27	37	1		1	2	1		1	4	30	20
Dunstable Evan. Ch.	E. W. Goodman,	Dec. 21, 1831	32	80	114	0	3	3		1				118	
Fitchburg Cal. Cong.	Joshua Emery, Jr.	May 13, 1835	84	185	269	6	10	16	3	8			25	400	
Groton Un. Ch.	Chas. B. Kittredge,	Oct. 16, 1833	75	96	171	10	6	16	6	3	1	4	9	170	30
Harvard Cal. Cong.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	52	127	179	5	1	6	3	10		6	6	150	
Leominster Ev. Cg.	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	31	75	106	12	4	16	2	7		6	7	170	30
Pepperell Ev. Cong.	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	124	222	346	1	6	7	5	8			7	400	
Shirley Ev. Cong.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	15	37	52	2	6	8	1	1		1	7	120	40
Townsend Or. Cong	William M. Rogers,	Feb. 16, 1831	116	207	323	41	12	53	2	6		21	10	175	20
Westford Un. Ch.	Leonard Luce,	Apr. 8, 1829	41	110	151	5	9	14	4			2	4	200	
		Total,	746	1473	2221	114	82	196	32	72	4	49	100	2224	140

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Concord,	J. Wilder, Jr.	Aug. 7, 1833	22	56	78	11	1	12	1	6	0	7	6	75	25
Lincoln,	E. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	24	76	100	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	2	120	25
Wayland,	(Vacant.)		12	55	67			5	1	4	0	1	2	70	
Waltham Trin. Con.	S. Harding,	Jan. 17, 1321	15	115	130	8	7	15	0	5	0	2	10	100	
Needham, W.	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	23	49	72	12	2	14	1	0	1	4	11	115	
Natick,	E. D. Moore,	Nov. 6, 1833	61	103	164	11	2	11	1	5	7	7	3	160	30
Sherburne,	S. Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	53	104	157	4	4	8	2	3	0	0	6	140	20
Medfield,	W. H. Bidwell,	Sept. 19, 1833	29	70	99	4	7	11	1	2	0	3	1	29	25
Holliston,	E. Demond,	Oct. 31, 1832	60	133	193	5	5	10	1	5	0	0	8	200	30
Hopkinton,	J. Hall,	June 5, 1833	45	112	157	3	7	10	1	10	2	1	4	338	40
Framingham,	G. Trask,	Sept. 18, 1830			259				3	22			23	200	
Saxonville,	C. Kidder,	July 30, 1834	9	27	36	7	3	10	0	3	0	4	0	125	
Southboro' P. Ch.	W. Follet,	Oct. 17, 1832	31	63	94	13	4	17	2	3	0	3	5	254	
Marlboro' U. Ch.	(Vacant.)		30	57	87	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	113	40
Northborough,	S. A. Fay,	Oct. 16, 1832	12	38	50	3	1	4	1	3	0	0	1	130	
Sudbury,	R. Hurlbut,	Feb. 26, 1817	35	90	125	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	240	
		Total,	451	1148	1668	85	41	123	20	75	11	33	87	2479	225

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Reading, S. P.	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 1833	83	128	211	17	2	19	2	5	2	4	17	300	
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804													
Stoneham,	Jonas Colburn,	Aug. 1, 1832	25	55	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	150	100
Lynnfield,	Josiah Hill,	1833	9	31	40	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	25
North Reading,	James D. Lewis,	1834	23	59	82	14	2	16	2	1	2	6	5	40	30
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	1814	20	51	71	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	1831	30	80	100	2	8	10	2	0	0	3	11	100	100
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	1822	183	332	525	14	2	16				3	10	223	500
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,														
Bedford,	(Vacant.)														
Billerica,	(Vacant.)														
		Total,	373	1036	1119	52	14	62	11	6	4	16	37	723	655

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.				Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex		Adults.	Infants.		
Andover, South Par.	Milton Badger,	Jan. 3, 1828	160	350	510	55	15	70	11	23	1		17	33	580	
Andover, West Par.	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	80	111	191	10	8	18	8	13			2	24	275	
Andover, North Par.																
Evan. Cong. Ch.	(Vacant.)		9	27	36										40	
Andover The. Sem.	Ralph Emerson, D.D	1829	51	24	75	16	5	21	2	13				2	90	150
Lowell, 1st Con. Ch.	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	61	463	524	63	54	117	1	49	1		24	5	613	
Lowell, 2d Con. Ch	William Twining,	Oct. 4, 1831	69	377	446	58	27	85	6	22	0		29	15	475	
Lowell, 3d Con. Ch.	Giles Pease,	Oct. 2, 1833	29	169	232	25	35	60	1	5	1		15	2		
Methuen, 1st Co. Ch.	Sylvester G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832	60	90	150	25	4	29	1		1		17	7	200	
Methuen, 2d Co. Ch.	(Vacant.)															
Dracut, 1st Con. Ch.	(Vacant.)		37	94	131				1	1				2	70	
Chelmsford, 2d Con.																
Church,	(Vacant.)		10	20	30				4	9				2	35	
Boxford, 1st Parish,	—— Whitney,		13	39	52											
Reading, South Par.	James D. Lewis,	June 4, 1834	20	55	75										75	
		Total,	599	1839	2508	252	148	400	35	140	4		104	92	2453	150

ASSOCIATION OF SALEM AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Tabernacle, Salem,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	91	344	435	21	14	35	12	5	1			440	
Third Church, "	B. Emerson,	April 24, 1805	75	248	323	11	6	17	5	4	1	5	20	450	
Howard St. Ch. "	G. B. Cheever,	Feb. 1833	43	82	125	7	9	16	3	4	1	3	6	204	
Crombie St. Ch. "	W. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1832	48	170	218	40	9	49	2	2	0	17	26	200	
First Church, Lynn,	D. Peabody,	Nov. 15, 1832	30	116	146	8	6	14	3	8	2	3	6	213	
Saugus,			5	9	14										
Evan. Ch. Glouces-															
ter,	Charles S. Porter,	Aug. 1, 1832	6	49	55	5	1	6	0	7	1	0	10	70	
Ortho. Co. So. "	Moses Sawyer,	Mar. 2, 1831	5	13	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	25
Fifth Ch. "	D. Jewett,	Oct. 1805	74	142	216	4	0	4	11	7	2	1	18	354	
Essex,	R. Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	34	86	120	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	9	160	
Manchester,	S. M. Emerson,	Sept. 1821	33	167	200	20	2	22	3	1	0	11	10	150	
Marblehead,	S. Dana,	Oct. 1801													
	S. W. Cozzens,	Aug. 1832	70	274	344	54	1	55	5	6	0	0	29	300	40
Wenham,	E. P. Sperry,	1820	36	65	101	16	0	16	1	4	2	10	16	150	50
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelly,	July 3, 1834	26	79	105	24	0	24	2	2	0	8	5	134	
Topsfield,	J. F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	48	129	177	1	0	1	1	6	0	1	3	150	
First Ch. Danvers,	M. P. Braman,														
Second Ch. "	Geo. Cowles,	Sept. 12, 1827	29	133	162	8	1	9	1	2	0	5	10	200	30
Third Ch. Beverly,	Jos. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	78	213	291	3	4	7	3	3	0	0	4	160	
Fourth Ch. "	(Organized 1834.)		5	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	30	12
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,														
South Ch. Ipswich,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	30	114	144	13	4	17	1	2	0	6	7	200	
		Total,	766	2454	3219	236	59	295	55	64	11	73	182	3615	157

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

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			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex		Adults.	Infants.		
Green Street,	William Jenks, D.D.	Oct. 25, 1826			177			6	1	6			2	18	95	40
Old South,	S. H. Stearns,	Apr. 16, 1834	93	386	484	2	1	3	3	7	0		0	9	250	30
Salem St. Ch.	G. W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1330	116	220	336	32	23	55	4	10	3		3			
Bowdoin St.	H. Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	160	262	432	45	29	74	2	34			24	25	175	
Charlestown, 1st Ch.	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	47	254	301	6	17	23	7	9	1		2	27	475	120
Winthrop Ch.	D. Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	31	52	83	5	20	25	1				3	5	130	
Medford, 2d Ch.	(Vacant.)															
Newton, 1st Ch.	J. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 13, 1782														
	J. Bates,	Nov. 14, 1327														
Newton, 2d Ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	38	58	96	1			1	4			1		70	
Cambridge,																
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 1831	28	73	102	5	9	14	2	6				6	90	40
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 9, 1832	16	53	69		6	1	1					4	112	50
		Total,	1441	1359	2079	96	105	206	22	75	4		40	94	1447	280

Not Pastors.—Aaron Warren, Rufus Anderson, Jared Curtis, Seth Bliss, L. Ives Hoadley.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Dorchester,	J. Codman, D. D.	(No returns.)													
Milton,	Samuel Gile,	(No returns.)													
Canton,	John Turner,	(Not settled.)	9	16	25	0	2	2					4	25	
Union So. E. and W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	36	61	97	26		26				9	16	150	
Trin. Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	40	82	122				3	4	1			50	20
First Randolph,	Calvin Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	52	79	131		2	2	1				3	150	
East Randolph,	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1819	43	53	96				1				9	140	
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	46	112	158	18	2	20		2	2		4	100	20
Dorchester Village,	David Sanford,	July 14, 1830	29	113	142	3		3	4	4		4	12	160	
Quincy,	W. M. Cornell,	Aug. 20, 1834	11	28	39	2	4	6				1	4	25	25
Union Religious So. Braintree & Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	1815	64	123	187	2		2	2	2	1	2	8	210	20
S. Braintree,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	12	26	38	1		1		2	1		4	85	
1st Par. Abington,	Jas. W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	52	90	142	2	3	5	2	6			2	178	
2d Ch. Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	1833	18	64	82	10		10		1		4	10	90	30
1st Par. Braintree,	R. S. Storrs,*	July 3, 1811	47	134	181	3		3	1	1		2	4	120	
		Total,	459	981	1440	72	13	85	14	22	5	22	80	1483	115

* Paul Jewett supplying for Mr. Storrs.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Taunton,	E. Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	85	203	233	40	17	57	3	9		28	20	350	
Taunton, W.	A. Cobb,	Apr. 19, 1815	25	99	124	4	3	7	2				5	150	40
Norton,			14	21	45	6	1	7						105	60
Dighton,	P. Cummings,	Dec. 26, 1827	21	44	65				2	1			4	100	35
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	50	100	150	31		31	3					112	40
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	66	165	231	45	4	49	2	10		25	16	600	200
N. Middleborough,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	48	99	147	3		3	3	3		2		100	25
Berkley,	Ebenezer Poor,	June 17, 1835	34	62	96	11		11							
Freetown,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 30, 1829	10	30	40		2	2					2	60	50
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,	Sept. 1826			30									60	
Middleboro', 2d.	Thomas Andros, (No report.)	Without charge													
		Total,	353	823	1266	140	27	167	15	23	0	55	47	1637	450

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants		
Dartmouth,	Thos. T. Richmond,	July 17, 1832													
New Bedford, North Church,	Sylvester Holmes,	July 1811	90	235	325	74	18	92	6	9		48	10	300	50
Trinitarian Church.	James A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	26	52	78	14	4	18	1	2		5		130	29
First Church,	(Vacant.)														
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	Jan. 1, 1833	87	183	270	87	11	98	4			27	24		
Rochester Centre,	Jonathan Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	35	89	124	31	1	32	3	3		8	19	125	35
Mattapoisett,	Lemuel LeBaron, / Thomas Robbins,	Jan. 29, 1772 / Oct. 17, 1832	60	101	161	32	8	40	2	4		11	12	155	30
South,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	1799	17	42	59	5		5	1	1			11	70	
North,	Samuel Utley,	Nov. 3, 1831	8	25	33				2						
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	1829	54	120	174	2	6	8	7	6	2		9	130	
Middleborough, 1st Church,	(Vacant.)		45	120	165										
Edgartown,	(Vacant.)														
		Total,	422	967	1389	245	48	293	26	25	2	99	85	910	144

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Hanson,	John Shaw, (supply)		9	36	45	2	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	65	
Halifax,	E. G. Howe,		20	45	65	0	0	0						45	
Carver,	P. Chase,	Nov. 15, 1832	45	78	123	7	0	7	1	0	1	1		100	25
Plymouth, 3d Par.	Thomas Boutelle,	Oct. 15, 1828	30	97	127	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	8	130	75
Plymouth, 4th Par.	Benj. Whitmore,	May 21, 1834	45	87	132	73	0	73	4	0	0	40	12	100	30
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Oct. 13, 1818	36	103	139	4	2	6	7	1	0	4	2	140	30
Kingston,	Abram Jackson,	Jan. 18, 1809	8	21	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	47	25
		Nov. 12, 1834													
		Total,	193	467	660	88	3	91	18	6	1	45	24	627	185

Freeman Howland—without charge.

BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No in B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
1st in Falmouth,	Josiah Bent, Jr.	Feb. 5, 1834	69	153	222	1	4	5	4	6			8		
Sandwich,	Asabel Cobb,	Install'd in 1831	63	130	193	1	3	4		2			5	100	
W. Barnstable,	Enoch Pratt,	Oct. 28, 1807	50	156	206				6		1		3	About 50	
Harwick,	C. S. Adams,				48		1	1	1	1				" 200	
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	April 25, 1832	10	53	63		3	3	5	1				" 100	15
		Total,	192	492	732	2	11	13	16	10	1	0	16	450	15

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1835.			Admissions in 1834.			Removals in 1834.			Baptisms, 1834.		No. in	No. in	Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.	Sab. Sc.	B Class	

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MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN WORTHINGTON, JUNE, 1830.

MINUTES

OF THE

General Association of Massachusetts,

AT THEIR

MEETING AT WORTHINGTON, JUNE 28, 1836;

WITH THE

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

PASTORAL LETTER.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled in Worthington, at the meeting-house of Rev. Henry Adams, on Tuesday, June 28, 1836, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by the Rev. Mr. Adams.

The Rev. John Brown, D. D. was chosen Moderator, the Rev. Samuel M. Worcester, Scribe, and the Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, Assistant Scribe.

The Association was composed of the following members: from

Berkshire Association,	Joseph L. Mills, Platt T. Holley.
Mountain Association,	John H. Bisbee, Alanson Alvord.
Hampshire Central Association,	John Brown, D. D. Eli Moody.
Hampden Association,	Timothy M. Cooley, D. D. Reuben S. Hazen.
Franklin Association,	William Claggett.
Brookfield Association,	John Fisk, Levi Packard.
Harmony Association,	None.
Worcester Central Association,	William H. Sanford, John Boardman.

Worcester North Association,	Alexander Lovell,
Middlesex Union Association,	Hope Brown.
Middlesex South Association,	Sewall Harding, Elijah Demond.
Woburn Association,	None.
Andover Association,	Samuel C. Jackson.
Essex North Association,	None.
Salem and Vicinity Association,	Samuel M. Worcester.
Suffolk North Association,	Alexander W. McClure, William A. Stearns.
Suffolk South Association,	Nehemiah Adams.
Norfolk Association,	Jonas Perkins, Calvin Hitchcock.
Taunton Association,	Alvan Cobb.
Old Colony Association,	Thomas Robbins.
Pilgrim Association,	None.
Barnstable Association,	None.
Brewster Association,	John Sanford.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Erastus Maltby, Richard S. Storrs, D. D.

Foreign Bodies.

Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,	Frederick A. Ross, Edward N. Kirk.
Gen. Association of Connecticut,	Henry Robinson, David L. Ogden.
Gen. Convention, Vermont,	Josiah F. Goodhue, Elijah W. Plumb.
Gen. Asso. New Hampshire,	Asa P. Tenney, Giles Lyman.
Gen. Conference of Maine,	None.
Evangelical Consociation of R. I.	None.
Gen. Association of New York,	Lebbeus Armstrong.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary of the General Association, and the Rev. Henry Adams, of the Church in Worthington, were ex-officio, members of the Association.

After the rules of the Association had been read by the Secretary, the Moderator led in prayer.

A volume entitled "A Narrative of a visit to England," was received from Rev. Dr. Codman, as his Report of attendance at the meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. Mr. Packard, Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Mr. Boardman were appointed a committee to make nominations for committees during the session.

Rev. Messrs. Robbins, Bisbee, and Cobb, were appointed a committee to report upon the expediency of complying with a request from the Brewster Association, to be admitted to membership in this body.

Rev. Mr. Fiske, Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Mr. McClure were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Humphrey, a delegate of this body to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, appeared and took his seat, ex-officio, as an Honorary Member.

A Report was received from Rev. D. D. Field, a delegate of this body to the last New York General Association.

Rev. James D. Farnsworth reported his attendance at the last meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, as a delegate from this body, and took his seat, ex-officio, as an Honorary Member.

Rev. Dr. Cooley, Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Mr. Maltby were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The committee on the application of the Brewster Association, reported in favor of the same. Whereupon it was

Voted, That the said Association be admitted to membership in this body.

Rev. Messrs. Harding and Perkins were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, of Boston, were appointed Agents of the Association for the ensuing year.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet in this house, to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock.* Met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator led in prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

The committee of arrangements reported in part.

Rev. Dr. Burgess, a delegate from this body to the General Convention of Vermont, reported his attendance, and took his seat, ex-officio, as an Honorary Member.

Rev. Messrs. Hitchcock, Holley, Bisbee, Ogden, and Kirk, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. Worcester and N. Adams, and Rev. Dr. Fay, were appointed a committee of publication.

The Rev. Dr. Beecher, of Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, and Rev. William M. Rogers, of Boston, preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society, were invited to sit as Honorary Members.

Rev. Drs. Humphrey, Burgess, and Cooley, were appointed a committee to consult with Rev. Mr. Rose, of Ohio, on the subject of education.

Rev. Dr. Storrs, chairman of the committee on "Exiled Churches" made a Report, which was accepted.

Rev. Dr. Beecher, Rev. Messrs. Stearns, Hitchcock, Robbins, Rogers, and Rev. Dr. Humphrey, were appointed a committee to report during the session of this body what disposal shall be made of the above report.

Voted, That the expense incurred on account of correspondence in relation to "Exiled Churches" be defrayed by this body.

Adjourned to meet in this house at 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

2 *o'clock. P. M.* Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Tenney of New Hampshire. Heard the narratives of the state of religion in the several Associations, and in other parts of the country.

Rev. Dr. Humphrey reported his attendance at the meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and also led the Association in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney and Lyman had leave of absence.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies made the following report which was adopted: viz.—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. Calvin Hitchcock. }

Rev. Nehemiah Adams, } Substitutes.
Rev. Nathan Perkins, Jr. }

To the General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. Thos. Robbins, } Primaries.
Rev. H. A. Tracy, }

Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. Dorus Clark, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire,

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. Joseph L. Mills, }

Rev. Theophilus Packard, Jr. } Sub.
Rev. Samuel M. Worcester. }

To the General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. Amos Blanchard, } Primaries.
Rev. Levi Packard, }

Rev. David Peabody, } Substitutes.
Rev. Enoch Sanford, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,

Rev. David Brigham, } Primaries.
Rev. Rodney A. Miller, }

Rev. M. G. Pratt, } Substitutes.
Rev. Thomas T. Richmond. }

To the General Conference of Maine,

Rev. Alvan Cobb, } Primaries.
Rev. Sewall Harding, }

Rev. John Todd, } Substitutes.
Rev. William M. Rogers, }

To the General Association of New York,

Rev. Luther Sheldon, } Primaries.
Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. }

Rev. John H. Bisbee, } Substitutes.
Rev. James Howe, }

A Resolution respecting the Sabbath was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Beecher and Humphrey, and Rev. Nehemiah Adams.

Rev. Messrs. Maltby, Cobb, and Kirk, had leave of absence.

The auditing committee reported, that the Treasurer's accounts are correctly cast; that there is a balance on hand of $9, 30; and that an assessment of fifty cents on each pastor in the several District Associations, will be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of this body.——The report was adopted.

Voted, To adjourn to eight o'clock, tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. The roll was called by the Scribe. The Moderator led in prayer. Minutes of the preceding day were read.

Voted, That the Mountain Association be requested to appoint the preacher before the next General Association.

Rev. Messrs. Fairchild, Adams, and Boies, of the Suffolk Association, were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter of the next General Association.

Rev. Dr. Burgess was appointed second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. Humphrey, from the committee appointed to consult with Rev. Mr. Rose, of Ohio, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association, in view of the pressing call for teachers, in that great and important portion of our country, recommend the Granville Female Seminary to the patronage of the christian public.

The following resolutions, passed unanimously by the last General Association of Connecticut, were introduced by Rev. Mr. Fisk.—

1. "*Resolved*, That while this General Association appreciate, and would maintain at all hazards, the unrestricted liberty of speech and of the press, and while they fully recognize their own and every man's duty to prove all things, and their own and every man's responsibility to God in relation to the reception of the truth, they do not admit an obligation upon the community to hear or read *all* that associations or individuals may volunteer to speak or print, or an obligation on the pastors of the churches to admit into their pulpits all those preachers or speakers who may desire to address the people, or in any other ways directly or indirectly to facilitate the promulgation of sentiments which are in their view of an erroneous or questionable character.

2. "*Resolved*, That the operations of itinerant agents and lecturers, attempting to enlighten the churches in respect to particular points of christian doctrine and of christian morals, and to control the religious sentiments of the community, on topics which fall most appropriately within the sphere of pastoral instruction, and of pastoral discretion as to time and manner, *without the advice and consent of the pastors and regular ecclesiastical bodies*—is an unauthorized interference with the

rights, duties, and discretion of the stated ministry; dangerous to the influence of the pastoral office, and fatal to the peace and good order of the churches.

3. "*Resolved*, That the existence in the churches of an order of itinerating evangelists, devoted especially to the business of excitement, and to the promotion of revivals, cannot be reconciled with the respect and influence which are indispensable to the usefulness and stability of the stated ministry, to the harmony of ecclesiastical action in the churches, to the steady and accumulating influence of the Gospel and its institutions, and to purity in doctrine and discretion in action.

4. "*Resolved*, That, regarding the present as a critical period in relation to the peace, purity, and liberty of our churches and the efficiency of the pastoral office, we do recommend to ministers and churches to discountenance such innovations as have been referred to in these resolutions, and we consider ourselves bound to sustain each other and the churches in standing against all these invasions on our ecclesiastical order.—Whereupon it was—

Voted unanimously, That this Association concur with the General Association of Connecticut, and adopt these resolutions.

Upon an application of an ordaining council, composed of members of the Old Colony and Taunton Association,—it was

Resolved, That the Association lament the practice of convening ordaining councils at a time so near the hour fixed for the public services, that there is not opportunity for a full examination of the candidate, and making the necessary preparations: inasmuch as a careful examination of candidates for ordination in respect to their qualifications for the ministry of the Gospel, is one of the most important securities against the introduction of error.

Upon application of Worcester North Association,—Rev. Messrs. Lovell, Brown, and Fisher of Harvard, were appointed a Committee to consider the subject of a more equal distribution of delegates to Foreign Bodies among the several district associations, and report the next year.

After an address by the Rev. Mr. Nash, it was

Resolved, That in view of the great and increasing spiritual wants of our country and of the world, ministers and churches ought to put forth far greater efforts to bring the youthful talent and piety of the community into the Christian ministry.

Rev. Mr. Rose, of Ohio, addressed the Association on the subject of education in the West.

Rev. Mr. Pinney, late governor of Liberia, made statements in regard to the condition of the American colonies in Africa; after which it was—

Resolved, That the success of the efforts to establish colonies of free colored people in Africa, with reference to the introduction of Christianity and civilization, demands the humble gratitude of the church of God, and the affectionate confidence and co-operation of both patriots and Christians; and that a channel is thus opened in which conflicting attempts to help the colored race may flow peacefully towards a glorious consummation.

The report in relation to "Exiled Churches" was referred to Rev. Dr. Storrs, Rev. Messrs. Adams of Boston, Hitchcock, and Stearns, for revision and publication: the revision to have respect to the accuracy of the facts, and to any allusions which may be deemed invidious.

Dr. Beecher, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the Sabbath, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That the christian sabbath and public worship of God are indispensable to the continuance of Christianity and civil liberty.

2. *Resolved*, That the movements of business and pleasure on our seaboard and rivers and canals and rail-roads are such as to threaten the prostration of this holy day and its influence in forming the character and morals and piety of the nation.

3. *Resolved*, That all efforts at reformation on this subject must be vain, which do not begin with the church of God and the christian ministry, and include a greater strictness of personal, family, and ministerial deportment on that sacred day, a stricter education of children, the withholding of capital to be employed in violation of the sabbath, and abstinence from travelling on the sabbath in journeys or for convenience in ministerial exchanges, except in cases of urgent necessity; and that in all things it is eminently indispensable that the whole church avoid even the appearance of evil, and set an example which may be consistent with the unbroken influence of its ministry, and safe for the whole nation to follow.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to each minister of this Association to read these resolutions from the pulpit on the

Sabbath, and preach on the subject some time in the month of September next.

Rev. Messrs. Goodhue and John Sanford had leave of absence.

Rev. Dr. Osgood having addressed the Association in behalf of the American Tract Society, it was

1. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Society, especially in the volume enterprise, are cordially approved, and their operations are recommended to the approbation and patronage of the churches.

Rev. Mr. Beckwith addressed the Association on the subject of peace. It was then

2. *Resolved*, That we regard the prevalence of Peace as essential to the progress of the Gospel in its purity, and as necessary to prepare the way for the conversion of the world.

3. *Resolved*, That we commend the cause of Peace to the prayers and patronage of the christian community.

The narrative of the state of religion having been read

Voted, That it be adopted and printed under the direction of the publishing committee.

The Pastoral Letter was referred for revision and publication to the same committee.

Rev. Dr. Snell was chosen Secretary of the Association for the next three years.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Association be at North Brookfield, in the meeting-house of Rev. Dr. Snell.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

2 *o'clock*. P. M. Met according to adjournment. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, from Jer. 6. 16. *Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see, &c.* —The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

After these religious services it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to Rev. Dr. Humphrey for his sermon delivered before this body.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to Rev. H. Adams, and to the church and people under his care, for their kindness and hospitality; and also to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, That these minutes be accepted as a true record of the doings of the Association, and be printed under the direction of the publishing committee.

After singing the doxology, and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned sine die.

JOHN BROWN, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL M. WORCESTER, *Scribe.*

SAMUEL C. JACKSON, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas'r.*

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June 25, 1835.	By balance in the Treasury,		$23 64
" 26, "	By arrears from Worcester Central Association,		4 00
June 29, 1836.	Received from District Associations, as follows, viz.		
	Berkshire Association,	$7 50	
	Mountain,	3 00	
	Franklin,	8 00	
	Hampshire Central,	8 50	
	Hampden,	7 50	
	Brookfield,	7 00	
	Harmony,	4 50	
	Worcester Central,	6 50	
	Worcester North,	4 50	
	Middlesex Union,	4 50	
	Middlesex South,	6 00	
	Woburn,	0 00	
	Andover,	3 00	
	Essex North,	0 00	
	Salem and Vicinity,	8 50	
	Suffolk North,	6 00	
	Suffolk South	3 00	
	Norfolk,	8 50	
	Taunton,	3 50	
	Old Colony.	4 50	
	Brewster,	3 00	
	Pilgrim,	2 00	142 14
	Contra, Dr.		
June 26, 1835.	To excess of Treasurer's expenses above what was allowed in the former account.	$1 64	
June 29, 1836.	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	8 25	
	To Rev. Dr. Storrs for expenses of Correspondence for General Association,	6 00	
	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents of General Association, for printing Minutes in 1835,	116 95	132 84
	Balance in the Treasury,		9 30

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

SEWALL HARDING,
JONAS PERKINS, } *Auditing Committee.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

While the churches have great occasion for humility, in view of much apathy, and of some prevailing evils, they have, on some accounts, much reason for gratitude. Among the evils to be deplored, must be mentioned the frequent change of ministers arising, as we fear, from a restless state of feeling, either in the churches, or in ministers, or both. The blessings received, notwithstanding the evils and sins of the Lord's people, are neither few nor small.

In Berkshire Association, twelve out of twenty eight churches are destitute of pastors, five having been dismissed since the last meeting of this body. Still considerable additions have been made to several of the churches; and the renewing influence of the Spirit, with other blessings, has been to some extent bestowed upon that valuable institution, Williams College.

In the Mountain Association, one third of the churches are destitute of pastors. No very signal presence of the Spirit has been witnessed. The ministers rejoice that on most of the churches some expressions of divine favor have been bestowed, that some have been benefitted by their labors.

In the Hampshire Central Association, twenty out of twenty six of the churches have pastors. One of these churches has nobly parted with its pastor to labor as a missionary in Canada, the association sustaining him, and supplying his pulpit during his absence. One revival has been enjoyed, in the feeble

church of Greenwich. A few cases of hopeful conversions in other places.

The Hampden Association has been highly favored of the Lord, during the past year. The spirit of prayer has been poured upon the churches, and twelve of them have experienced, in a greater or less degree, the influence of the Holy Spirit; viz. the church in Springfield, in Westfield, in East Granville, in Middle Granville, in Palmer, Agawam Parish, in West Springfield, in Ireland Parish, in Feeding Hills, in Chicopee Factory Village, and in Monson. As the result of these revivals, 316 have been added or propounded to the churches, and many more have indulged hope. These revivals have been, not like the whirlwind, nor the fire, nor the earthquake, but the still small voice. It is worthy of record, that no instance has occurred of the dissolution of the pastoral office, except by death, in the town of Westfield, for 157 years. The church has lately settled their sixth pastor as colleague with a venerable and beloved servant of Christ.

In the Franklin Association, five ministers have been dismissed, and five of the churches are now destitute of pastors. Three of these churches, viz. North Salem, Wendell, and Warwick have been visited by special religious influences and about 100 have been added to their number.

In the Harmony Association there has been no revival during the year. But a steady attention to the means of grace has resulted in the increase of doctrinal knowledge, and of attachment to the truth.

In the Brookfield Association, most of the churches have enjoyed some delightful tokens of the divine mercy; and several of them have been favored with a special revival of religion. To some, additions amounting to sixty or seventy, have been made, and in others, revivals are still in progress.

From the Worcester North Association revivals are reported in the towns of Ashburnham and Winchendon. Special attention to religion has also been witnessed in Royalston, and in the academy in Westminster, which has resulted in a considerable number of hopeful conversions.

In the Worcester Central Association, special and powerful revivals have been enjoyed in Oxford, in West Boylston, and the 2d parish in Milbury. About 100 have been added to each of the former churches, and from 20 to 40 are soon to unite with the latter.

The Middlesex Union Association contains fifteen churches, fourteen of which have been exiled from the sanctuaries in which their fathers worshipped. Six pastors have been dismissed. Though the churches are not rich in worldly goods, they are blessed of the Lord. There have been added to the church in Pepperell, forty nine, to the church in Boxborough, twenty seven, to the church in Fitchburgh, twenty seven, to the church in Shirley, fifteen, to the church in Acton, nineteen.

The churches in Middlesex South Association, fifteen in number, were all supplied with pastors at the commencement of the present year. But since that time four have been dismissed. No revivals are reported from this association; but the churches are in a state of harmony and external prosperity, amidst much error and opposition. And the cause of truth appears evidently gaining an ascendency in the community.

The Andover Association, includes eleven churches, mostly supplied with pastors. No revivals have been enjoyed during the year in the churches. The Spirit of the Lord was, at one time, poured upon the youth in the literary institutions at Andover, about thirty were hopefully turned unto the Lord. But this season of refreshing was suddenly and unhappily closed.* The Theological Institution, and the other seminaries at Andover are in a state of prosperity, and exerting a wide and happy influence.

In the Suffolk North Association, there appears to be a growing change of public feeling in favor of evangelical truth. The first church and the Winthrop church in Charlestown have enjoyed very interesting seasons of revival. Bowdoin-street church, Boston, has also been blessed of the Lord, and about 100 hopefully renewed. Franklin-street church, Green-street church, and some others have also enjoyed seasons of gentle refreshing.

The Suffolk South Association embraces ten churches, part in Boston, with some in the vicinity. All but two of these churches have pastors, and of these one has called a pastor, and the other has a stated supply. No special inquiry upon the subject of religion has existed within the bounds of this Association during the past year. The churches, however, are seeking rest from unprofitable excitements, and are in a good manner convinced that by "walking in the comfort of the Holy

* Contrary to the known wishes and judgment of the officers of the institutions in Andover, meetings on the subject of slavery were held for seventeen evenings.

Ghost," as well as "in the fear of the Lord," they are to be multiplied.

In Salem and Vicinity Association, there have been no revivals, except in Beverly. Some instances of hopeful conversion have occurred in other towns.

The Norfolk Association comprises eighteen churches, all supplied with pastors. No dismission of a pastor the last year. Scenes of special religious interest and attention have been enjoyed in Dorchester village, in the first church in Abington, in Cohasset, and, more recently, in both churches in Randolph. Though not powerful revivals, yet pleasing evidences of divine influence on the souls of men have been witnessed.

The Taunton and Vicinity Association has eleven churches, all supplied with Pastors. The Trinitarian church in Taunton has enjoyed a season of gentle but precious refreshing from the Lord. Cases of hopeful conversion have been considerably numerous. In Fall River a powerful and general revival has prevailed. The revival in the Congregational church is rendered peculiarly interesting from the fact that fifty or sixty young married men have been among the subjects of the work, men of business and influence. The feeble church in Norton recently formed, has experienced a revival by which it has been greatly strengthened. The female academy in that place has enjoyed and now enjoys the special influence of the Spirit.

The Pilgrim Association contains seven churches, three destitute of pastors. The churches remain firmly attached to the doctrines and order of the Pilgrims, but have enjoyed no special revival.

The Old Colony Association, has twelve churches; one vacant. Some interesting events have occurred in relation to the harmony of some of the churches, which are indicative of good, but there has been no revival of religion. The senior pastor of the state, Rev. Lemuel Le Baron, is in this Association, in the 65th year of his ministry.

The Brewster Association, on the eastern part of Cape Cod, comprises twelve churches. About one half of these have enjoyed a season of refreshing during the past year, and the result is, a considerable number of hopeful conversions. The cause of truth is gaining favor with the people.

The church in Nantucket, is not connected with any Association. It has recently settled a pastor, and has enjoyed a

powerful revival of religion. As many as 160 are supposed to have turned unto the Lord.

The flourishing College at Amherst is enjoying the smiles of the Great Head of the church. There has been a happy revival of christian feeling among professors of religion in this Institution, and a few cases of hopeful conversion. In the Junior class, of more than 60 members, all but five are professors of religion.

It is pleasing to add the following general statements. The interest in Sabbath Schools is increasing, and is becoming a more efficient means of good. The Monthly Concert of prayer is generally attended, though not with such interest as it should be. Benevolent objects are sustained with increasing cheerfulness and liberality. The cause of Temperance is, in most instances, making delightful progress. In the counties of Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk, there is no license for the sale of ardent spirits.

The Massachusetts Missionary Society employs 71 missionaries in this commonwealth, 50 of them pastors of feeble churches, and most of the others, stated supplies. The Society has expended in the state, the past year, $8400, and forwarded $10,000 to the American Home Missionary Society. Under the labors of the missionaries in this state, eight powerful revivals have been enjoyed, and in several other instances, seasons of religious interest have occurred.

From the General Association of Connecticut, it is painful to learn, that the past year has been one of dearth in regard to special divine influences. We are happy, however, to learn, that the indications of union and love among the pastors are more favorable. The college at New Haven is in a flourishing condition.

From the General Association of New Hampshire we have pleasing information, 2158 having been added to the churches during the last year. The college in that state, we are happy to learn, is rising in its long established influence and reputation.

From the General Convention of Vermont, we learn that two thousand, were added to the churches the last year.

The General Association of New York, containing 106 churches, was formed two years ago last May. It embraces 57 ministers, and has 50 destitute churches. Though these

churches are in a state of comparative apathy, they have yet, in some instances, enjoyed seasons of religious interest. The cause of temperance is advancing within the limits of this body.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, embracing 2800 churches, we learn that there have been revivals of religion in about 100 places.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the churches under their care:—

Beloved Brethren,

Permit us to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. We would call your attention to the importance of *eminent piety in the church of Christ.* "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

Suffer then the word of exhortation.

1. Be strong in the faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith." Endeavor to exercise at all times the same implicit confidence in what God has revealed, which you do in your most devout seasons. Habitually and increasingly cherish that "faith," which "is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen;" which gives to the objects of this world and of the world to come the same relative place and value which the Bible gives to them; which makes the interests of eternity not less real, and infinitely more valuable, than those of time. Let yours be the faith which fully believes that "God is, and that he is a rewarder of them who diligently seek him;" which "works by love and purifies the heart," by bringing it habitually under the transforming power of eternal realities. Keep this faith alive in your souls, and you will surely overcome.

2. Be sound in doctrine. Hold firmly, intelligently, meekly, all the essential doctrines of the christian religion. If you relinquish or loosely hold any of them, your right arm will wither, your spiritual mindedness decay, and your hold on heaven be lost. There is an intimate connection between soundness of doctrine and soundness of heart. But beware that you do not identify human philosophy with christian doctrine, or make the one essential to the other. Equally guard against giving an

undue prominence to any one doctrine; but embrace all and only those which God has revealed, with equal firmness and in due proportion. To this end, be faithful in searching the Scriptures, in attendance upon the preaching of the gospel, and all other means of christian knowledge.

3. Preserve the unity of the Spirit. "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." It was among the last prayers of our ascended Savior, that his disciples "all may be one." Be very slow to alienate your brethren by denunciation, though you honestly think them far behind you in good things. Chide their errors with great tenderness, remembering that true religion "suffereth long and is kind." Be exceedingly jealous of every thing that would bring contention and divisions into the church; let even a desirable reform find place only in subordination to the spirit and institutions of the gospel. Otherwise, another spirit than that of christian meekness and love will soon pervade and rend the church, and eventually blight and wither every green thing.

4. Abound in prayer. Thus may you rightly feel your dependence upon God, and secure the promised influence of his Holy Spirit. The Scriptures insist much upon prayer, as an essential means of growth in grace; and it is a historical fact, that all who have been eminently pious have been eminently prayerful. Let the family altar be faithfully attended every morning and evening, and let private prayer never be neglected. Whatever benevolent objects may engage your attention, if you neglect personal communion with God, you neglect a duty for which he will accept of nothing in exchange. Seasons of fasting also with special prayer, are scriptural, and they are highly serviceable to the spirituality of individuals and to the efficiency of churches.

5. Be stable. It is of the first importance to the healthfulness and prosperity of religion that you be firmly established in the doctrines, institutions, ordinances, and services of the gospel. This does not preclude growth in christian knowledge, or the discovery of new and more effectual methods of unfolding and applying divine truth; but it is opposed to that unsettled state of mind, in which we do not with an intelligent and constant firmness hold the essential doctrines of the christian faith, and are fitly compared to "children, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine." It does not forbid improvement in the use and application of the christian institutions and ordinances, but it resists that restive spirit of innovation, which tends

to their utter subversion. Among the innovations most deeply to be lamented, is the frequent dissolution of the pastoral relation. A *permanent* ministry, in which the accumulating influence of long acquaintance, acquired esteem, strong affection, and deserved confidence are enjoyed, is of incalculable importance to parents, children, domestic piety, the church of Christ, and to all the moral and religious interests of society. Its benefits come in a noiseless and gradual manner; but they are sure, permanent, and very great. Constancy in the service of the gospel, is not of course continuing to do just and only that which you have always done; but it is to go forward by principle rather than *impulse*, ever growing and abounding in the work of the Lord, assured that he is ever the same, that his "testimonies are very sure," and that it is never "vain to serve God." "Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, *always* abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

6. Be zealous. If any cause on earth demands an ever burning zeal in its friends, it is the cause of Christ; "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Hence it was not to a life of selfish and slothful indulgence that Christ called us, but to a life of self-sacrificing and zealous service. "He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify to himself a peculiar people, *zealous of good works*." To be zealously engaged in good works, therefore, is what Christ expects of all his friends. See then that you fulfil this expectation. Abound in beneficence. Consider all that you have, or can acquire, as belonging to Christ, and faithfully use or appropriate it as his responsible stewards. "Beware of covetousness" and "be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate." Abound also in "holy conversation," and in zealous labors for the conversion of souls to Christ. All christians must learn to lay themselves out more unsparingly, boldly, and constantly for this object. As it was said of the wicked, "they sleep not except they have done mischief," it must be said of the righteous, "they sleep not except they have done good." All the friends and churches of Christ must awake to a pure and intense zeal in his service, which shall never expire, but burn on till it shall mingle with the fires of the millennial day. "And now, brethren, we commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Extracts from Rev. Dr. Codman's Narrative of a Visit to England—containing his report to the General Association of Massachusetts.

"I attended with my brethren, the Rev. Drs. Spring and Humphrey, the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, early on Tuesday morning, May 12th, 1835.—

The Rev. T. W. Bull of Newport Pagnel, took the chair, at 10 o'clock and opened the meeting with prayer and a few pertinent remarks. After some preliminary business by the secretaries, we delivered our credentials as Delegates from the American churches, and were received in the most respectful and cordial manner by the meeting, through the chairman. After our introduction to the meeting, a resolution was offered by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Matheson, expressive of the satisfaction of the meeting in our reception as representatives of the transatlantic churches, and was sustained with great and affecting interest.

It devolved on me to offer our acknowledgments for the fraternal and very gratifying welcome we had received—to express the satisfaction of the General Association of Massachusetts, in the intercourse which was now established between them and the Congregational Union of England and Wales, which had been for some time the subject of mutual correspondence—and to present the sincere and affectionate congratulations of my constituents, to the ministers and churches represented on this occasion.

After an address of about twenty minutes, which was very kindly received, I was followed by Dr. Spring. He gave an interesting account of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyterian church, and dwelt particularly on the subject of revivals,—distinguishing between those that were genuine, and those that were spurious. While he gratefully acknowledged the signal blessings which the American churches derived from revivals of religion, he did not conceal the errors of doctrine which had crept in upon them, and the dangers to which they had been, and were now, peculiarly exposed. His remarks were listened to with deep attention.

Dr. Spring was succeeded by my colleague, Dr. Humphrey, who confined himself very much to a detailed account of the Temperance reformation in the United States. No one is more familiarly acquainted with this subject than Dr. Humphrey, and no one better qualified to advocate it.

So much time was taken up by the American Deputation, that little remained for the transaction of the ordinary business of the meeting, and for receiving communications from the Delegates from Scotland and Ireland who were present on the occasion. I was however much interested in the brief statements made by the Rev. Mr. Brown, a venerable minister from Ireland, and by Messrs. Wilkes and Cullen from Scotland, of the state of religion in their respective countries.

On Friday morning, I attended an adjourned meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Resolutions were offered of thanks to Dr. Spring, for his sermon delivered on Monday evening; and to present each of the Deputation with a copy of the Narrative of Drs. Reed and Matheson. These, and other resolutions were supported by eloquent addresses from some of the most distinguished members of the body. Among them, Messrs. James of Birmingham, and Atkins of Southampton, Dr. Redford of Worcester, and Drs. Bennet, Fletcher, Morrison and H. F. Burder of London. The subject of a continued deputation

to the American churches was discussed. It was thought, that the interchange should not be more frequent than once in three years.

A pastoral letter, which had been prepared by a committee chosen the preceding year, consisting of Rev. Mr. Kelly, Dr. Raffles and Rev. Mr. Carruthers, was submitted to the meeting. It was an admirable document, and reflected great credit on the author—the Rev. Mr. Kelly.

It was proposed, that a public meeting should be held at the Rev. John Clayton's Chapel in the Poultry, to give an opportunity for the members of the churches and other friends to hear addresses from the American Deputation; and Thursday evening, of the next week, was appointed for the purpose.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales is composed of such ministers and members of independent churches, as may have been previously appointed, or may choose to attend. A book is kept at the door, where every one, who enters the room, enrols his name and place of residence.

There is some want of order and system in doing business, which may be easily accounted for from the recent origin of the Union, and the inexperience of its members. But time and experience will correct the evil, and will lead to the adoption of a system of *rules and orders*, which will much facilitate the transaction of business, as well as greatly promote the economy of time.

Thursday May 31st—we proceeded together to the Poultry chapel which we found filled to overflowing. The meeting was to me one of tender and affecting interest. I deeply felt the responsibilities that rested upon my brethren and myself, who were expected to occupy the principal part of the attention of the audience.

The exercises were introduced with singing, and a very appropriate prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith. The Rev. John Blackburn, one of the secretaries of the Congregational Union, read the commissions and testimonials of the American Deputation, and very kindly and affectionately introduced us to the meeting. I then ascended the pulpit, and addressed the audience for about twenty-five or thirty minutes. The situation in which I stood, as an accredited representative of the Congregational Churches of New England, the lineal descendants of a Puritan ancestry, who left the land of their Fathers, that they might enjoy, without molestation, the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of their own consciences, was one of no common occurrence; and the fact that I should never meet that large congregation again, till assembled with countless millions at the judgment seat of Christ, affected my own mind in no ordinary degree. I poured out my heart in the presence of my Christian brethren and sisters, strangers indeed in the flesh, but united, as I trust, in the spirit, and I felt in my own soul the vibration of a cord, which assured me of the sympathetic sensibilities of my audience.

I was succeeded by my colleague, Dr. Humphrey, who occupied about the same length of time. His unaffected simplicity, his plain good sense, and his intellectual power, could not fail to convince the assembly that they were listening to "an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile."

The exercises were then relieved by singing, and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Fletcher.

Dr. Spring made the concluding address in his usually solemn and impressive manner. He dwelt upon the responsibilities of British Christians in the present interesting period of the world, and urged, with great power, the duties of the people of God, in both hemispheres, to unite together for the conversion of the world.

The blessing of Heaven was then supplicated upon the services—and the Deputation, with their families and flocks, commended to the guidance and protection of the great Head of the church, by the Rev. Dr. Burder.

The impression left on my own mind by this meeting was such as time will never efface. It will remain associated with the pleasing recollections of my visit to the churches in the father land, as long as "life and being last, or immortality endures."

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1836.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms. 1835		No. in Sab. sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death	Di.	Ex	Adults	Infants		
Stockbridge,	David D. Field,	Aug. 25, 1819	65	149	214	7	3	10	4	10	0	0	6	150	50
Curtisville,	Vacant,		67	120	187	35	26	61	1	2	0	18	3	82	92
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	63	186	249	0	1	1	5	8	0	0	12	238	126
Great Barrington,	Vacant,		50	134	184	3	3	6	1	17	1	2	3	250	0
N. Marlborough, N.	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	55	122	177	0	4	4	3	3	0	0	9	120	0
" S.	Vacant,		20	48	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	27
Tyringham,	Lucius Field,	March 27, 1833	47	87	134	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	50	40
Sandisfield,	Platt T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	55	153	208	1	6	7	3	3	1	0	7	132	75
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	35	115	150	2	0	2	2	8	0	0	9	144	in both.
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	144	277	421	33	19	52	3	35	0	15	22	236	85
Lanesborough,	Vacant,		37	78	115	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	5	80	in both.
Williamstown,	Albert Smith,	Feb. 11, 1836	206	309	515	0	7	7	6	10	4	0	4	220	50
Williams College,			30	0	30	4	4	8	0	1	0	2	0	0	90
Richmond,	Edwin W. Dwight,	Jan. 13, 1819	54	108	162	6	5	11	3	10	0	2	9	120	in both.
Lenox,	Sam'l Shepard, D.D.	April 30, 1795	129	190	319	2	14	16	4	9	0	0	6	187	19
Peru,	Vacant,		91	119	210	48	3	51	4	2	0	20	9	Ab't 290	20
Windsor,	Philetus Clark,	Sept. 30, 1835	30	50	80	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	60	30
" 2d Parish,	Vacant,		12	22	34	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	30	0
Lee,	Joshua N. Danforth,	June 18, 1834	135	272	407	73	8	81	5	19	2	29	19	345	0
Dalton,	Harper Boice,	June 17, 1835	58	89	147	0	3	3	4	9	0	0	4	100	30
W. Stockbridge,	Vacant,		46	86	132	6	0	6	3	12	1	1	0	67	40
" Village,	Vacant,		16	34	50	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	20	7
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	38	79	117	0	3	3	2	8	0	0	10	120	0
Otis,	Vacant,		50	81	131	0	4	4	1	2	0	0	5	67	20
Egremont,	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	19	43	62	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	100	50
N. Adams,	Vacant,		37	92	129	2	21	23	0	14	0	1	2	216	0
Mt. Washington,	Vacant,		5	14	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Canaan, 4 Cor. N. Y.	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Feb. 4, 1835	30	69	99	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	4	0	120
		Total,	1624	3126	4822	225	139	364	57	195	11	92	156	3576	971

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem Jan 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Plainfield,	Moses Hallock,														
Worthington,	Henry Adams,	Dec. 25, 1833			166	7	6	13	1	7		3	10	200	20
Middlefield,	John H. Bisbee,	Feb. 20, 1834	39	72	111				3	3			10	100	
Chester,	Alanson Alvord,	Nov. 19, 1834	66	123	189	5	3	8	5		1		29	200	75
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 18, 1835	27	74	101									200	
Norwich,	Alvah C. Page,	Jan. 1, 1835													
Washington,	Vacant,		24	42	66	15		15	1	2		4		30	20
Goshen,	Vacant,		25	59	84		1	1	1	3			2	175	
Cummington,	Vacant,														
		Total,	131	370	717	27	10	37	11	15	1	7	51	905	115

HAMPSHIRE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No in Sab. Sc.	No in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults	Infants.		
Amherst, 1st Parish,					205	1	4	5	1	11	1				
" 2d "	Nathan Perkins, Jr.	Oct. 10, 1810	73	145	218		12	12	7	17			7	130	
" North "	William W. Hunt,	March 7, 1827	45	78	123		19	19	2	2			11	220	
" South "															
" College,*	H. Humphrey, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1827			105	19	29	48	2	24					
Belchertown, 1st So.	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833	102	179	231	32	12	44	10	17			18	250	
" Brainerd "			29	77	106	16	14	30	3						
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	69	145	214	1	4	5	5	2			19	175	60
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833													
Enfield,	S. G. Clapp,	Jan. 9, 1828	89	154	243	4	6	10	4	16			2	400	
Granby, 1st Parish,			92	158	250	54	5	59	2	2		16	18		
" West "	Eli Moody,	Dec. 29, 1830	54	92	146	7	4	11	1	9	1	2	8	125	
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	45	88	133	22	1	23	3	3	1	7	1	150	
Hadley, 1st Parish,	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831	126	222	348	5	5	10	6	4	2		13	300	
" Upper Mills,	Ebenezer Brown,	April 8, 1835	18	22	40	1		1					4	75	30
Hatfield,															
Leverett,	Freegrace Reynolds,	Dec. 5, 1832	27	58	85	3	3	6	2	7				90	
Northampton, 1st,															
" Edwards Soc.	John Todd,	Jan. 30, 1833													
Prescott,	Job Cushman,	Oct. 17, 1835	44	66	100										
South Hadley, 1st,	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835	62	108	170	1	9	10	2	4			7	200	100
" Canal,	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	19	49	68	1	3	4	1	6	1		1	100	40
Southampton	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	175	235	410	4	6	10	7	5	6		12	500	
Ware, East Parish,	Cyrus Yale,	June 11, 1835	53	151	204	1	12	13		37			7	400	
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale,	Sept. 1, 1779	67	121	188				11	7			3	150	
	H. B. Chapin,	July 8, 1829													
Whately,	John Ferguson,	" " 1836	71	110	181	19	1	20		10				200	
Williamsburg,	William Lusk,	" " 1836			170									187	
		Total,	1260	2258	3988	191	149	340	69	183	12	28	138	3702	230

* Students in College, members of other Churches, 72.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults	In ants.		
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836			157	0	1	1	2	8	0	0	5	160	
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	51	103	154	15	2	17	1	7	2	10	5	100	
" Middle,	Henry Eddy,	Feb. 16, 1836	44	56	100	40	4	44	3	3	0			106	
Longmeadow, 1st P.			66	134	200									175	
" 2d P.	Martin Tupper,	1835	40	75	115									85	25
Ludlow,			53	101	159									114	20
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	143	258	401	0	4	4	6	23	1	0	13	300	
Montgomery,	Caleb Knight,	Jan. 1836	18	55	73									50	20
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 1832	58	143	201	27	6	33	1	0	0	12	10		
Russell,			7	17	24									30	
Southwick,	Thos. Fletcher,	Supply.	16	41	57	0	2	2	1	1	0			90	0
Springfield, 1st Par.	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809			533	97	6	97	4	8	0	0	35	370	175
" 2d "	E. B. Wright,	Oct. 7, 1835	25	30	75	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	1	90	20
" 3d "	A. C. Baldwin,	Dec. 4, 1833	34	70	104	42	36	78		3		13	10	173	150
" Fac. Village,	Dorus Clarke,	March 4, 1835	25	66	91	10	40	50	0	9	0	5	3	300	20
" Cabotville,	Amos Blanchard,	Stated supply.	12	21	33	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	150	
Tolland,					70										
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 1803			402	13	5	18	5	11	16	5	9	500	inc. in S. Sc.
	Emerson Davis,	Jan. 1836													
Wilbraham, N.			42	101	143									100	50
" S. Par.	Diodate Brockway,	Supply.	42	87	129									100	20
W. Springfield, 1st,	J. H. Hunter,	Aug. 25, 1835	51	143	194	1	8	9	7				4	250	60
" Ireland Par.	Hervey Smith,	1833	20	50	70									50	
" Agawam "	Reuben S. Hazen,	1821	54	81	135	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	70	15
" Feed. Hills P.	H. J. Lombard,	Jan. 1834	25	55	80									45	12
		Total,	831	1687	3700	246	120	360	32	74	19	45	101	3408	597

NOT PASTORS.—Ebenezer Gay, Roger Harrison, Calvin Foote, George Nichols, Sol. W. Edson.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1836			Additions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults	Infants.		
Ashfield,	Burr Baldwin,	April 20, 1836	105	186	291	31	1	32	5	2	1	16	3		
Bernardston,	Vinson Gould,*	Oct. 1833													
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	55	119	174	2	5	7	2	2	2	1	3		
Charlemont,	Wales Tileston,	March 16, 1825	40	93	133	0	0	0	2	2	0		1		
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	70	211	281	3	3	6	5	15	1	0	13	230	75
Colrain,	Aretas Loomis,†	Aug. 5, 1829	28	83	111	0	3	3	2	5	0	0	3	150	
Deerfield Evan. Soc.	Vacant,		5	19	24	3	3	6				4	3	0	12
Ervings Grant,	Vacant,														
Greenfield, 1st Par.	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	11	42	53	9	2	11	2	5	0	1	11	75	
" 2d "	Vacant,		31	76	107	10	7	17	1	3	0	1	7	109	6
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,‡	Supply.	16	56	72	1	6	7	2	6	0	0	4	150	25
Hawley East Parish,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834	89	125	214	2	0	2	3	0	2	0	4		45
" West "	Vacant,		30	39	69	5	1	6	1	0	0	2	4	80	
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	66	114	180	0	1	1	5	15	0	0	4	175	
Montague,	Benjamin Holmes,	Nov. 18, 1834	28	45	73	5	2	7	3	1	0	2		70	
New Salem,	Erastus Curtiss,	Oct. 23, 1834	39	91	130	62	5	67	1	0	0	35		140	
Northfield,	Bancroft Fowler,	April 20, 1831	19	61	80	7	1	8	0	5	1	2	8	100	16
Rowe,	C. C. Thompson,														
Shelburne,	The. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	The. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1826	57	110	167	2	1	3	2	5	0	2	12	300	0
South Deerfield,	Wm. M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	38	88	126	0	2	2	1	6	0	0	3	150	0
Sunderland,	Vacant,		41	79	120	0	5	5	0	10	2	0	7		
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	30	46	76	20	0	20	0	0	1	9	4	90	
Wendell,	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	75	125	200	12	0	12	0	4	1	4		100	50
		Total,	873	1808	2681	174	48	222	37	86	11	79	94	1919	229

* Not associated. † Dismissed since reported. ‡ Not reported.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	Tot.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults	Infants.		
N. Brookfield,	Thos. Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1793	56	129	185	4	11	15	4	4	0	2	12	400	
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1790	40	122	162	1	8	9	2	13	0	1	2	300	
W. Brookfield,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	142	276	418	77	13	90	10	12	0	29	36	350	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	27	91	118	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	7	250	
Sturbridge,	Jos. S. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	103	216	324	3	9	12	1	5	0	1	6	300	90
Ware, 1st Parish,	Augustus B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	49	113	162	3	4	7	4	7	2	1	7	228	
S. Brookfield,	Richard Woodruff,		24	49	73	14	1	15	3	5	0	6	2	120	
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	24	69	93	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	225	
Holland,	James Sanford,		16	43	59	1					1			60	
Brimfield,	Joseph Fuller,	March 11, 1835	76	138	214	5	9	14		10	18			350	
Charlton,			17	64	84	0	0	0	2	3					
Barre,	John F. Stone,	Oct. 29, 1834	42	117	159	11	9	20	0	7	1	9	6	300	
Petersham,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Jan. 26, 1834	25	63	91	15	4	19	0	6	0	5	2	200	
		Total,	646	1490	2142	134	69	202	29	78	22	54	82	3083	90

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults	Infants.		
Douglass, 1st Ch.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	31	89	120	3	0	3	2	6	0		10	140	40
Grafton,	John Wilde,	June 20, 1832	64	136	200	9	9	18	3	5	1	5	15	320	
Millbury, 1st Ch.	Osgood Herrick,	Dec. 9, 1830	76	133	209	0	2	2	1	5	0		4	250	
Uxbridge Evan. Ch.	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	58	165	223	6	7	13		6	0	2	1	200	110
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	60	162	222	4	1	5	3	2	0	3	5	250	
Northbridge,	Charles Forbush,	June 4, 1834	30	62	92	1	2	3	1	3	0		1	150	
Millville,	David Cushman,	Stated supply.	7	13	20	0	0							40	
Mendon,	Vacant,		11	49	60		0							40	20
Ward,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 28, 1828	69	135	204	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	5	115	
Westborough,	B. Phinney,		86	182	268									350	
Northbridge Village,	M. Burdett,	April, 1835	15	51	66	3	3	6	1	0		1	2	140	
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	June 1, 1796			190									200	
Slatesville,	C. B. Elliot,	1835													
		Total,	507	1177	1874	26	26	52	11	30	1	11	43	2195	170

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Minister.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Fem'l s.	T'tl	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	by Death	Dis'Ex.		Adults.	Infants.		
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	65	104	169	3				3		2	8	150	in both
Berlin,	Eber L. Clark,	Jan. 21, 1835	25	55	80	2	1	3		4			1	120	do
East Douglas,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835	19	38	57	3	4	7				3	3	190	do
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	167	250	417	6	14	20	3	14	1	1	6	450	do
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	62	152	214	1	6	7	1	9	1		15		do
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	73	176	249	6	2	8		12	2	2	9	212	do
Millbury 2d Cong. C.	Vacant,		66	99	165									200	do
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836			200	75		75						150	do
Paxton,	Jas. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835	28	62	90			4	4					150	do
Princeton, 1st,	Vacant,		30	70	100										do
Rutland,	Josiah Clarke,	June 2, 1812	85	149	234	3	3	6	6	5		1	22	300	do
Shrewsbury,	George Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823			140									130	do
Union Ch. Worcester,	Vacant,		31	32	63									60	do
West Boylston,	Elijah Paine,	Nov. 14, 1834	99	149	248	88	10	98		7		40	18	240	do
Worcester, 1st Ch.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 17, 1827			400		10		4	6			12	300	do
Cal. Ch. Worcester,	David Peabody,				202									235	do
		Total,	750	1336	3023	187	50	228	18	60	4	49	94	2937	in both.

Churches not reported are set down as last year.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	98	184	282	8	8	16	3	6	5	2	5	120	180
Athol,	James F. Warner,	March 1835													
Gardiner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	76	141	217	7	0	7	5	0	5	4	3	130	
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	77	159	236				1	5			2	275	
Princeton,	Vacant.														
Royalston,	Ebenr. Perkins,	July 17, 1819	90	139	229		2	2	4	6			7	255	
Templeton,	L. P. Bates,	Jan. 16, 1833	36	62	98	9	3	12	3	4		6	7	125	
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	93	220	313				6	9			2	200	
Winchendon,	D. O. Morton,	March 2, 1836	55	116	171										
		Total,	525	1021	1546	24	13	37	22	30	10	12	26	1155	180

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—Rev. Joseph Chickering, Rev. A. Phillips. LICENTIATE.—J. D. Crosby.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults	Infants		
Acton Evan. Con.	Jas. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	73	129	202	19	0	19	4	2	2	3	15	100	20
Ashby Cal. Con.	Orsamus Tinker,	Jan. 1, 1834	51	108	159	1	2	3	3	1	3	1	9	325	
Bolton Evan. Con.	Vacant,		41	78	119	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	3		
Boxboro' Trin. Soc.	Joseph W. Cross,	Oct. 1, 1834	22	38	60	26	1	27	1	0	1	2	6	30	50
Carlisle Evangelical,	Vacant,		10	27	37										
Dunstable Evan. Ch.	Vacant,		27	79	106	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5		
Fitchburg Cal. Con.	Joshua Emery, Jr.	May 13, 1835	90	187	277	23	4	27	4	16	0	9	12	412	
Groton Union Ch.	Vacant,		65	95	160	4	5	9	1	6	1	1	10	116	36
Harvard Cal. Con.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1831	52	129	181	1	6	7	2	3	0	1	2	150	
Leominster Ev. Con.	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	32	76	108	7	2	9	0	4	0	3	6	202	30
Lunenburg Ev. Con.	Vacant,		10	14	24									50	
Peppereil Ev. Con.	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	136	247	383	37	11	48	10	2	0	15	6	415	
Shirley Evan. Con.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	17	49	66	15	1	16	0	1	0			150	
Townsend Or. Con.	Columbus Shumway,	Jan. 6, 1836	111	189	277	11	1	12	0	0	1	6			
Westford Union Ch.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	41	109	152	3	4	7	4	4	0	2	2	225	
		Total,	778	1554	2311	149	37	186	31	51	8	43	76	2175	136

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults	Infants.		
Holliston,	Elijah Demond,	Oct. 31, 1832	53	125	178	1	6	7	7	4	2	0	2	200	
Lincoln,	Ebenr. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	25	80	105	9		9		4		2	2	120	25
Trin. Ch. Concord,	John Wilder,	Aug. 7, 1833	24	62	86	6	2	8		1		3	4	100	25
Trin. Ch. Waltham,	Sewall Harding,	Jan. 17, 1821	15	115	130	1	8	9	1	4			3	100	
Wayland,	Lavius Hyde,		13	57	70			9						80	25
Framingham,	George Trask,														
Saxonville,	Corban Kidder,		11	36	47	7	5	12		1		2	5	125	
Sudbury,	Rufus Hurlbut,	Feb. 26, 1817	31	91	122	3		3	2	1	3		6	200	
Southboro',	Walter Follet,		29	65	95		1	1		1		1	8	256	
Northboro' Ev. Con.	Samuel A. Fay,	Oct. 16, 1832	13	41	54	5	3	8	0	0	0	1	4	143	
Hopkinton,	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	43	102	145	2	1	3	4	6	1			371	35
Sherburne,	Samuel Lee,														
Natick,	E. D. Moore,	Nov. 6, 1833	63	105	168	1	3	4	1	7	0	0	4	170	
Needham, West,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	23	51	74		2	2			1		12	130	
Medfield,	W. H. Bidwell,														
		Total,	343	930	1274	35	31	75	15	29	7	9	50	1995	110

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.——*No Report.*

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835				Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Tot'l	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis	Ex		Adults.	Infants.		
Andover, South Par.	L. L. Langstroth,	May 11, 1836	160	350	510	55	15	70	11	28	0		17	33	580	0
" West "	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	59	128	187	4	3	7	5	6	0		0	12	175	0
" North "	J. Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	11	34	45	5	7	12	1	0	0		2	3	40	0
" Chapel Ch.	Prof. Emerson,	1829				3	0	3	2	0	1		3	4	304	50
Methuen 1st Con. Ch	S. G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832	70	105	175	16	7	23	3	3	0		11	7	250	50
Boxford, 1st Parish,	J. Whitney,	Oct. 15, 1834	10	40	50	0	0	0	5	0	0		0	4	75	20
Lowell 1st Con. Ch.	A. Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	61	463	524	63	54	117	1	49	1		24	5	613	
" 2d "	Vacant,		69	377	446	58	27	85	6	22	0		29	15	475	
" 3d "	Vacant,		29	169	232	25	35	60	1	5			15	2		
Chelmsford 2d Con. Church,	Vacant,		10	20	52											
Reading, North Parish,	J. D. Lewis,	June 4, 1834	20	55	75											
		Total,	499	1741	2346	234	148	382	35	113	3		101	85	2587	70

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of Meth. Jan. 1, 1835.	Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.		Baptisms, 1835			No. in Sab. sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Let.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Adults	Infants.		
Amesbury, West,	Peter S. Eaton,	Sept. 20, 1826	50	110	160	6	0	6		3	1	0	5	150	
" East,	Benj. Sawyer,	June 19, 1816	25	50	75	0	0	0		9	0	0	1	60	
		Installed													
" Mills,	Joseph H. Towne,	March 5, 1834	32	67	99	4		4		0	1	7		140	
		Installed													
Amesbury and Salisbury Union Ev. C.	John Gunnison,	Dec. 31, 1835	7	21	28	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	75	12
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	30	95	125	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	140	
" East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept. 23, 1814	76	116	192	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	10	270	
Byfield Parish,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	55	84	139	0	5	5	4	3	0	0	5	263	
Haverhill, Centre,	Joseph Whittlesey,	Aug. 28, 1833	29	80	109	6	14	20	6	3	0	2	5	200	
		Installed													
" North,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Feb. 23, 1831	6	24	30	5	2	7	1	4	0	3	3	46	
		Installed													
" East,	James R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	15	34	49	22	2	24	0	7	0	12	0	65	
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	30	80	110	2	3	5		0	0	0	1	120	
Ipswich, North Par.	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	53	143	196	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	150	200
" Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st Parish,	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816													
" Belleville Par.	John C. March,	March 1, 1832													
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport N. Ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	75	235	360	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	27	250	
Rowley, 1st Parish,	Willard Holbrook,	July 22, 1813	38	69	107	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	140	20
" 2d "	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	45	95	140	20	2	22	0	0	0	10	6	170	
Salisbury, (Rocky Hill,)	Vacant,														
West Newbury, East Parish,	Vacant,														
West Newbury, W.	John Q. A. Edgell.	Sept. 19, 1832	65	137	202	2	7	9	2	12	5	2	7	275	
		Total,	631	1490	2121	67	64	131	21	54	8	29	75	2514	232

ASSOCIATION OF SALEM AND VICINITY.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1. 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
3d Con. Ch., Beverly,	Jos. Abbott,														
4th " "	Jno. Foote,	Stated supply.	5	22	27	0	1	1	1					35	
1st Ch., Danvers,	M. P. Braman,														
2d " "	Geo. Cowles,	Sept. 12, 1827	28	142	170	2	9	11			1		20	200	
1st Con. Ch., Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	33	81	114	1		1	2	5			3	140	
Gloucester Ev. Ch.	J. Nickels,	1835													
" Orthodox Con.															
Annisquam,	Plummer Chase,	Stated supply,													
" 5th Church,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836													
Hamilton Con. Ch.	Geo. W. Kelly,	July 3, 1834	23	76	99	2		2	4	2	1		3	130	
Ipswich South Ch.	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	30	114	144	2	1	2	1			1	5	175	In. in Sab. S.
Lynn, 1st Ch.	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836													
Manchester,	Saml. M. Emerson,	Sept. 12, 1820	30	150	180	3		3	4	2	2		24	121	25
Marblehead,	Samuel Dana,	Oct. 7, 1801													
	Samuel W. Cozzens,	Aug. 8, 1832	68	262	330	1		1	6	13			17	200	
Middleton Ev. Co. C.	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	39	81	120	17		17	2			4	9	100	50
Salem, Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	90	300	390		11	11	6	14	2		8	482	
" 3d Con. Ch.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	72	247	319	5	4	9	4	5		1	13	380	
" Howard St.	George B. Cheever,	Feb. 13, 1833													
" Crombie St.	Wm. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1832	48	163	211	3	1	4	5	6			10	220	
Saugus Or. Con. Ch.	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	6	12	18				1					58	
Topsfield,	Jas. F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	49	126	175	1		1	2	1			2	150	
Wenham,	E. P. Sperry,	March 29, 1820	36	64	100				1				1	120	
		Total,	557	1840	2397	37	27	64	39	48	6	6	115	2571	75

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms. 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	X	Adults.	Infants.		
Green Street,	Wm. Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	35	136	171	7	7	14		5				120	15
Old South,	No Pastor.		93	385	478	7		7	1	12			5	137	40
Salem Street,	Geo. W. Blagden,	Nov. 3, 1830	113	218	331	15	14	29	1	33	4	7	20	Ab't 250	50
Bowdoin Street,	H. Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	137	262	399	10	26	36	2	52	5	5	20	157	65
Franklin Street,	Wm. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	42	25	67		4	4					2	80	125
Charlestown, 1st Ch.	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	44	233	277	5	3	8	2	9		1	11	423	160
Winthrop Church,	D. Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	42	66	108	22	7	29		2		6	11	160	
Medford, 2d Church,	Levi Pratt,	Aug. 19, 1835	48	88	136	1	2	3	1	2	1		3	200	
Newton, 1st Ch.	J. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1782	66	178	244	10	5	15	5	8		5	9	150	
	J. Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827													
Newton, 2d Ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828			95		2	2	2	1			1	60	
Cambridge,	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835			115			8		2				120	30
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	30	90	120	8	10	18	1	4	1	2	9	110	40
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	18	54	72	2	1	3	2	1		1	7	50	
		Total,	668	1735	2613	87	81	176	17	131	11	27	98	2067	525

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—Aaron Warner, Rufus Anderson, Jared Curtis, Seth Bliss, L. Ives Hoadley, Asa Bullard, S. H. Stearns.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1826.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults	Infants.		
Essex St., Boston,	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	89	331	420	15	20	35	2	64	1	11	22	200	*
Pine St. "	Artemas Boies,	Dec. 10, 1834	72	157	229	6	26	32	2	12	0	3	16	238	25
Dedham, 1st Ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 13, 1821	47	213	260	6	6	12	2	19	0	2	14	125	120
Walpole,	A. Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	23	97	125	3	0	3	2	3	0	0	6	80	0
Park St., Boston,			97	311	408		5	5		30				100	
Mariners' Ch. "	D. M. Lord,	Nov. 11, 1835	23	38	61	14	4	18	1	1	1	7	3	150	
Spring St. Ch. Roxbury,	C. Marsh,	Stated supply.	9	23	32	6	2	8	1				8	100	
		Total,	365	1170	1535	50	63	113	10	129	2	23	69	993	145

* Biblical Lecture, and 6 Classes of about 6 each.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms. 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Tota	By Prof.	By Rec.	To-	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults	Infants.		
Dorchester, 2d,	John Codman, D. D.	1808	69	220	289	1	0	1	4	7	0	0	15	200	
Milton,	Samuel Gile,	1807	23	82	105	2	5	7	2	0	0	0	3	115	30
Braintree, 1st,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	1811	46	132	178	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	100	0
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,														
Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	1833	19	63	82	5	1	6	2	2	0	2	4	120	0
Randolph, 1st,	Calvin Hitchcock,	1821	51	86	137	2	0	2	6	0	0	1	6	150	0
" 2d,	David Brigham,	1819	43	53	96	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	140	0
Braintree and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	1815	63	123	186	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	12	200	20
South Braintree,	Lyman Matthews,	1830	12	26	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	85	0
Sharon,	J. Cummings,	1835	23	74	102	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	9		0
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,														
E. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,														
N. Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,														
Abington, 1st,	James W. Ward,	1834	52	88	140	0	0	0	2		0	0	7	175	1-3 of Cong.
South Dedham,	Calvin Durfee,	1836			116					0					
Dorchester Village,	David Sanford,	1830	31	112	143	11	4	15	3	3	0	3	7	200	
Evan. in Quincy,	Wm. M. Cornell,	1834	14	38	52	3	10	13	0	3	0	2	8	50	Adults classed in Sab. School.
Evan. in Canton,	Erastus Dickinson,														
		Total,	451	1097	1664	26	24	50	28	20	1	8	84	1535	50

TAUNTON AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions 1835			Removals in 1835				Baptisms, 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Let.	T.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.		Adults.	Infants.		
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1825	81	207	288	5	6	11	3	8			4	14	350	
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	90	120				2					1	140	
Assonet,	Stetson Raymond,	Sept. 30, 1829	10	30	40										60	40
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	66	165	231	3	6	9		7	2		1	6	600	200
Taunton, W.,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	32	102	134	3	6	9						12	160	40
Norton,	Cyrus Allen,	July 8, 1835	17	36	53	5	5	10					4		125	
Dighton,	Mr. Ring,		21	44	65										100	35
N. Middleboro',	P. Colby,	Jan. 2, 1817	48	99	147										100	25
Rehoboth,	Thomas Vernon,	Sept. 1826			80										60	
		Total,	365	773	1158	16	23	39	5	15	2		9	33	1695	340

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions 1835			Removals in 1835				Baptisms, 1835		No. in Sab. Sc.	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Let.	To	By Death.	Dis.	Ex.		Adults.	Infants.		
Dartmouth,	Thos. T. Richmond,	July 17, 1832	15	49	64					5					100	35
New Bedford, N.	Sylvester Holmes,	July, 1811	88	232	320	3	1	4	2	6	1			12	300	50
" Trinitarian,	James A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	26	52	78											
" First Church,	Daniel C. Burt,	July 1, 1835														
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	Jan. 1, 1833	95	175	270											
Rochester, Centre,	Jona. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	35	85	120	4		4	5						300	30
" Mattapoisett,	Lemuel Le Baron,	Jan 29, 1772													130	40
	Thomas Robbins,	Oct. 17, 1832	62	100	162	2		2	1				2	9	165	20
" Sippican,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 6, 1799	16	42	58	1		1	1				1	1	55	
" North,	Vacant,															
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Nov. 3, 1831	52	120	172	3	2	5	4	3				8	130	
Middleboro' 1st Ch.	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	45	120	165											
		Total,	434	975	1409	13	3	16	13	14	1		3	30	1180	175

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No. in Sab. Sc	No. in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	⸗	Adults	Infants.		
Plymouth 3d Parish,	Thomas Boutelle,	May 21, 1834	31	100	131	3	3	6	1	1	0	0	12	140	60
" 4th "	Benj. Whitmore,	Nov. 13, 1818	45	103	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	30
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	33	100	133	3	2	5	3	2	0	3	1	98	30
Kingston,	Abraham Jackson,	Nov. 12, 1834	10	22	32	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	45	25
Carver,	Vacant,		44	78	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
Hanson,	John Shaw,	Supply.	9	36	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	
Halifax,	E. Paine,	Supply.	20	45	65									45	
		Total,	192	484	676	9	5	14	9	3	0	5	13	593	145

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Freeman Howland, P. Chase, E. G. Howe.

BARNSTABLE ASSOCIATION.——*No Report.*

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1836.			Admissions in 1835.			Removals in 1835.			Baptisms, 1835.		No in Sab. Sc.	No in B. Class
			Males.	Females.	Total	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Yarmouth,	N. Cogswell,	1825	18	100	118	6			2		1	1	10	150	
South Dennis,	John Sanford,	1818	12	49	61	8		8	1	2		3		140	30
Orleans,	Stillman Pratt,	1835	30	100	130	25		25	4	1	6	7	6	150	50
Harwich,	Chas. S. Adams,	1835	28	53	81	33		33				18	6	200	30
Truro,	Chas. Boyter,	1836			140	38			2	2			10	130	
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	1832	11	61	72				1	2			5	100	14
South Wellfleet,	Enoch Pratt,	1836	43	84	127			31	2					70	75
North Dennis,	No Pastor.		8	12	20										
Wellfleet,	S. Bailey,	1830	74	137	211	15			3	9			5	100	
		Total,	224	596	960	125		97	15	16	7	29	42	1040	199

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following:—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country; and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M. at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transact-

ing any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the Minister of the Church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The Minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator, may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question! viz. Shall the main question be now put.

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the whole session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body, connected with it, shall annually appoint each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted in each body, to the same rights of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to the Association, to be invited to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address, being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January next.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by

them respectively. One copy of each publication received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Associations shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon. And the Church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of home missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail; and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Association belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

Report referred to on page 5th of the Minutes.

The committee appointed by the General Association at their last session, "to consider the subject of a more equal distribution of delegates to foreign bodies among the District Associations," would submit the following *Report.*

In attending to the duties assigned them your Committee have found no little difficulty in devising a plan, that shall give to the several district associations a representation in exact proportion to their numbers. They are made up of various numbers of churches and pastors, from five to twenty-eight. Pastors are settling and unsettling so often, that the numbers in the same body are perpetually varying. We have chosen therefore to make the numbers of churches reported as connected with the several associations, rather than that of the Pastors, the basis of our calculations.

We divide the associations into three classes. Those containing less than ten churches, each, constitute the first class; those containing from ten to nineteen churches each the second class; and those containing twenty churches and upwards the third class. Those of the third class send *three* delegates, as often as those of the second class send two, or those of the first class one.

Your Committee have prepared and annexed to this report a schedule on the foregoing plan, which, if printed with the minutes of this body, will show to what foreign body each association is entitled to send a delegate in any given year. And each district association may nominate its own delegate and substitute previous to the meeting of the General Association, which nomination shall be sent up to this body to be approved, that all the delegates may go out under the commission of the General Association. Should any association fail to nominate a member, when entitled to do so, the General Association may fill the vacancy by appointing a member from that or any other association at pleasure.

In constructing the schedule it will be seen that the associations of the third class are repeated three times, those of the second class twice, and those of the first class once. This is done for the sake of convenience. Respect has

also been had to location, so that the two delegates to any one body may usually be taken from different and distant parts of the state.

There are seven foreign bodies with which we are now connected, to each of which we send two delegates, that is, in all, fourteen delegates annually. On the plan proposed, it will allow one delegate for each of the smaller associations nearly as often as once in three years; for each of the middle class about once in two years; and for each of the larger class about once a year. Should other foreign bodies at any time become connected with us, we have only to add their names to the list on the blank spaces of the schedule; and should new associations be added to our number, we have only to place their names on the schedule and let them have their turn.

This apportionment, though not perfectly equal, is as nearly so as any practicable method that has occurred to your Committee; and in practice it is believed will prove a more equitable distribution, than to allow to any association of eight or ten members only a single delegate to any foreign body during the space of twenty-one years, which is stated to your Committee to have been the fact. This method will also save the committee of nominations from those electioneering petitions for an appointment, with which they are frequently harrassed by individuals, who think it would be convenient to take a journey about that time, to visit a friend, or see the country,—or for some other purpose.

	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858
Berkshire,	Pres.																				
Middlesex South,	Pres.																				
Woburn,		Pres.																			
Hampshire,		Pres.																			
Andover,	Con.		Pres.																		
Hampden,	Con.		Pres.																		
Essex North,		Con.		Pres.																	
Franklin,		Con.		Pres.																	
Salem,	N. H.		Con.		Pres.																
Brookfield,	N. H.		Con.		Pres.																
Suffolk North,		N. H.		Con.		Pres.															
Harmony,		N. H.		Con.		Pres.															
Suffolk South,	Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.														
Worcester Cent.	Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.														
Norfolk,		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.													
Worcester North,		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.													
Taunton,	R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.												
Old Colony,	R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.												
Middlesex Un.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.											
Berkshire,		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.											
Pilgrim,	Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.										
Hampshire,	Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.										
Barnstable,		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.									
Hampden,		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.									
Brewster,	N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.								
Franklin,	N. H.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.								
Middlesex South,		N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.							
Brookfield,		N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.							
Suffolk North,			N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.						
Harmony,			N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.						
Andover,				N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.					
Worcester Cent.				N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.					
Essex North,					N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.				
Salem,					N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.				
Franklin,						N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H		Con.		Pres.			
Woburn,						N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Pres.					
Berkshire,							N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.		
Norfolk,							N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.		
Hampshire,								N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.	
Essex North,								N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.	
Middlesex Un.									N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H		Con.		Pres.
Old Colony,									N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.		Pres.
Suffolk North,										N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.	
Salem,										N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.	
Hampden,											N. Y.		Me.		R. I.		Vt.		N. H.		Con.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN NORTH BROOKFIELD, JUNE 28, 1837.

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AND THE

PASTORAL LETTER.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled in North Brookfield, in the Meeting-house of the Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. on Tuesday, June 27, 1837, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Snell.

The Rev. John Codman, D. D. was chosen Moderator, the Rev. George W. Blagden, Scribe, and the Rev. Joseph Bennet, Assistant Scribe.

The Association was composed of the following members: from

Berkshire Association,	William A. Hawley, Harper Boice.
Mountain Association,	Israel G. Rose, Alanson Alvord.
Hampshire Central Association,	William Tyler, I. H. Patrick.
Hampden Association,	Ebenezer B. Wright, Hervey Smith.
Franklin Association,	Theophilus Packard, D. D. Bancroft Fowler.
Brookfield Association,	Levi Packard, Francis Horton.
Harmony Association,	Michael Burdett, David A. Grosvenor.
Worcester Central Association,	John Boardman, William P. Paine.

Worcester North Association,	Alexander Lovell, Daniel O. Morton.
Middlesex Union Association,	James T. Woodbury, O. G. Hubbard.
Middlesex South Association,	Lavius Hyde.
Woburn Association,	Joseph Bennett.
Andover Association,	Samuel C. Jackson.
Essex North Association,	Peter S. Eaton.
Salem and Vicinity Association,	Samuel M. Worcester.
Suffolk North Association,	William A. Stearns, George W. Blagden.
Suffolk South Association,	Nehemiah Adams.
Norfolk Association,	John Codman, D. D. Martin Moore.
Taunton Association,	Philip Colby, Stetson Raymond.
Old Colony Association,	None.
Pilgrim Association,	Elbridge G. Howe.
Vineyard Sound Association,	Alfred Greenwood.
Brewster Association,	None.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Cyrus Mann, David Brigham.

Foreign Bodies.

Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,	None.
Gen. Asso. of Connecticut.	John E. Bray.
Gen. Convention of Vermont.	None.
Gen. Asso. of N. Hampshire.	Edwin Jennison.
Gen. Conference of Maine,	Josiah W. Powers.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.	Benjamin R. Allen, Charles P. Grosvenor.

Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D. of Munson, Rev. Amos Blanchard of Lowell, and Rev. James Kimball, were ex-officio, members of the Association.

After the rules of the Association had been read by the Secretary, the Moderator led in prayer.

Rev. Drs. Snell, and Packard, and Rev. Mr. Worcester, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Mr. Packard of Spenser, with Messrs. Wright and Hawley were appointed a Committee to make nominations to committees during the session.

Rev. Dr. Snell, with Rev. Messrs. Lovell, Horton, Hawley and Boardman, were appointed a Committee for nominating delegates to other Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. Moore, and Colby, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet in this house, to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock*, *A. M. June* 28, 1837. The Association met, agreeably to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator led in prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

The Rev. C. Hitchcock, Delegate to General Assembly, the Rev. J. L. Mills, Delegate to General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Dr. Ely, of Munson, Delegate to the General Conference of Maine, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Levi Packard, Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont, severally reported.

The Committee of arrangements reported in part.

Rev. Mr. Lovell, from the committee appointed last year to consider the subject of a more equal distribution of delegates to Foreign Bodies, among the District Associations, reported.

Voted, to accept the report, and that it be printed with the Minutes, and each Association be requested to return to this body the number of their yeas and nays on its adoption, and that the whole subject be referred to the next General Association for final action upon it.

A letter was read from the Congregational Union of Scotland, on the subject of slavery in the United States.

Voted, That it be committed to a committee of seven, to report the present meeting.

Rev. Dr. Snell, Dr. Packard, Mr. Hawley, Dr. Ely, and Messrs. N. Adams, Woodbury, and Stearns, were accordingly appointed.

The committee of last year, to whom was referred a history of exiled Evangelical Churches in this commonwealth drawn by a former committee, reported, and recommended that said history be deposited in the archives of the Association, for future use if necessary.

Messrs. Dickinson, of Cincinnati, Badger, of New York, and Adams, of Worthington, the annual preacher, were invited to sit as honorary members.

Mr. Packard, was excused for the afternoon, and Dr. Snell, appointed on the committee of nominations in his stead.

Mr. Blagden, Dr. Fay, and Mr. N. Adams, of Boston, were appointed the committee of publication.

Messrs. Worcester, Paine, Bray, Powers, and Boice, were appointed a committee to take narratives of the state of religion.

Communications having been read from Worcester North Association, and Hampden Association, on the pecuniary embarrassment of the times,

Voted, That they be committed to a committee of three.

Voted, That the committee of nomination, name said committee.

Dr. Ely, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Boardman, were accordingly appointed.

Voted, That the next meeting of the General Association, be held within the bounds of the Old Colony Association.

Voted, That Worcester North Association, be requested to appoint the Associational preacher for the next year.

Voted, That Messrs. Worcester, Crowell, and Gale, of Salem and vicinity Association, be a committee to prepare the pastoral address.

Voted, That the committee of publication be requested to ascertain the time and places, when and where Foreign Bodies, with whom we are in correspondence, hold their meetings, and publish the same in the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, That the committee of publication attend to the appointment of such agents, for printing and circulating the minutes for the ensuing year, as they shall deem proper.

Voted, That the committee to which was referred the communication from the Congregational Union of Scotland be requested to take into consideration the subject of American slavery, and report some proper and judicious form in which this body may harmoniously express their disapprobation of slavery as existing in our country, and some portions of the American church; and that all communications made to this body in relation to slavery, be referred to such committee.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 o'clock. P. M. Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by *Rev. Mr. Bray, of Connecticut.* Heard the narratives of the state of religion in the several Associations. Afterwards, reports from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island, were made by delegates to the Association from those States.

The Rev. Horatio N. Brinsmade, of Pittsfield, was appointed second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

The committee appointed to consider the resolution of Worcester North and Hampden Associations, respecting a day of public fasting and prayer, reported the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved,* That the low state of religion in the land, the prevalence of error and vice, and the agitated and fearful state of the public mind on many subjects of religious and civil interest, together with the dangers, which in consequence threaten the Church, call for deep humiliation and fervent prayer to God that his anger may be turned away, and that He will cause His face to shine upon us that we may be saved.

2. *Resolved,* That the present pecuniary embarrassments and distresses of our country, and their disastrous influence upon private churches and upon the great cause of christian benevolence, demand, in like manner, the prayerful consideration and penitence of the people of God.

3. *Resolved,* That in view of these causes of alarm and grief, the General Association recommend to all the

churches in their connection to observe the first Friday in September next, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and prayer.

Voted, To adopt the report.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, made the following report, which was adopted: viz—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Rev. Nehemiah Adams, Rev. Nathan Perkins, Jr. } Primaries, Rev Wm. A. Hawley, Rev. Joseph C. Clark, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D. Rev. Dorus Clark, } Primaries. Rev. Henry Adams, Rev. H. N. Brinsmade, } Sub.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Theophilus Packard, Rev. Samuel M. Worcester, } Primaries. Rev. George Allen Rev. Leonard Luce, } Sub.

To the General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. David Peabody, Rev. Enoch Sanford, } Primaries. Rev. Daniel O. Morton, Rev. Moses Miller, } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. M. G. Pratt, Rev. Thomas S. Richmond, } Primaries. Rev. John Wild, Rev. Wm. P. Paine, } Sub.

To the General Conference of Maine,

Rev. Wm. M. Rogers, Rev. L. F. Dimmick, } Primaries. Rev. Milton P. Braman, Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of New York,

Rev. J. H. Bisbee, Rev. James Howe, } Primaries, Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, Rev. Lavius Hyde, } Substitutes.

Rev. Mr. Bullard, was heard in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Whereupon, *Voted*, That the subject of Sabbath schools be committed to a committee to report to-morrow morning. Messrs. Bennet, and Payne, were appointed.

The committee appointed to consider the letter from the Congregational Union of Scotland, on the subject of slavery in the United States, and the other communications made to the Association on that subject, made the following report:—

1. *Resolved*, That we tender to the Congregational Union of Scotland, the cordial assurance of our christian and fraternal affection, and inform them that their letter was received, read, and duly considered.

2. That we highly appreciate their affectionate interest in us, and in all that pertains to the welfare of the American church, and that we invite the continuance of that interest, and of the same freedom and cordiality which has thus far marked our intercourse.

3. That we fully sympathize with the brethren of the Congregational Union of Scotland in their views of slavery, and of the desirableness of its universal abolition, and that while we recognize in their letter evidence of misinformation on some points connected with the existence of slavery in the United States, we assure them that our wishes for its removal cannot be exceeded by their own.

4. That, in the judgment of this body, there are sectional difficulties attending the subject of American slavery, which, as in all similar cases, make it difficult for the citizens of another country to decide upon the wisest and best measures in regard to the removal of it; that the most intelligent and pious of our own citizens are conscientiously divided in opinion upon this point, and that while we gladly receive all the suggestions which our brethren beyond sea are disposed to make upon the subject, we apprehend that the difference in the views and feelings of men under a consolidated government, from those of the citizens of the United States, prevents the prospect of receiving that measure of benefit from our brethren abroad, in this matter, which we might otherwise obtain.

We ask the prayers of the brethren of the Congregational Union of Scotland, that God would direct us in this important matter, save us from false views and wrong measures with regard to it, and open the way for its speedy removal.

The committeede also recommended the following resolutions:—

Whereas: Slavery, as it exists in our country is a great moral and social evil, and

Whereas: no man should feel indifferent respecting that which the God of Heaven disapproves:—

1. Therefore, resolved: That the assumed right of holding fellow men in bondage, working them without wages, and buying and selling them as property, is obviously contrary to the principles of natural justice and the spirit of the gospel, offensive to God, oppressive to men, and ought to cease with the least possible delay.

2. *Resolved*, That we approve of free and candid discussion on the subject of slavery, and also of all other proper methods of diffusing light and promoting correct moral sentiments, which may have an influence to do away the evil.

Voted, unanimously, That the Report be adopted.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, 8, P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment, the roll was called, and the Moderator offered prayer. The Minutes were read.

The pastoral address, having been read, was committed, with instructions to the committee preparing it, to make certain verbal alterations, and report again.

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account, and found it correct, that there is a balance on hand, of $9,05 cents; and that an assessment of fifty cents on each Pastor in the several District Associations will be necessary to defray the expenses of this body.—Adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented the following resolution, which was passed:—

Resolved: That this Association highly approve of the plans and operations of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society; and rejoice in the prosperity, with which those plans and operations have been attended, and that we cordially pledge to said society our continued sympathy, prayers, and patronage.

The following by-law was adopted. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

Rev. Mr. Badger, of New York, associate secretary of American Home Missionary Society, offered the follow-

ing resolution, which was seconded by Prof. Dickinson of Lane Seminary, Ohio, and passed.

Resolved: That the friends of Home Missions, should take encouragement from the manner in which God has blessed their humble efforts, as well as from His providential dealings with His church in all past time, to go forward in the midst of embarrassments, to walk by faith,—to pray more fervently,—to contribute more liberally, and to cease not from their labors, till every church in this land, shall have a pastor, and every village, and settlement, and soul, shall be brought under the power of the world to come.

The Rev. Mr. Loomis, of New Orleans, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Lord, of Boston, and passed.

Resolved: In view of the great importance of the field occupied by the American Seamen's Friend Society, and its Branch, the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, and in view of their present pecuniary embarrassments and the past neglect of this object of benevolence, by the greater part of our churches in the country, that this body recommend to the pastors and churches of this state, to fix on some month in the year, when they will make an annual collection in aid of the funds of those societies.

The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, addressed the Association on the present state and prospects of that Association.

On motion of Rev, Dr. Snell, it was then,—

1. *Resolved*, That we regard the cause of Foreign Missions as vitally connected with the continuance and increase of an active, and humble piety in our churches; and also, in many respects promotive of a true zeal in all other departments of benevolent effort.

2. *Resolved*, Therefore, that we will do all in our power to prevent the necessity of curtailing the operations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by devoting, and endeavoring to persuade our people to devote increased attention and contributions to this cause.

Voted, That the Association now unite in prayer in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Dr. Ely led in supplication.

The Committee on the pastoral address, reported in accordance with their instructions,—and the address was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on the state of religion made their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Turner of Illinois, addressed the Association on the importance of sending ministers to the western section of our country.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Rev. Dr. Snell, and to the church and people under his care, for their kindness and hospitality; and also to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

2 *o'clock. P. M.* Met agreeably to adjournment. A sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Adams, from John iv. 35, 36th.—"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? &c."—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

After these religious services, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Rev. H. Adams for his sermon delivered before this body.

Voted, That these minutes be adopted as a true record of the doings of the Association, and be printed under the direction of the publishing committee.

After singing the doxology, and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned sine die.

JOHN CODMAN, *Moderator.*

GEORGE W. BLAGDEN, *Scribe.*

JOSEPH BENNET, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with T. SNELL, *Treas'r.*

Cr.

June 30, 1836. By balance in the Treasury, -		$9 30
" 28, 1837. Received from District Associations, as follows, viz,		
Berkshire Association, - - -	$8 00	
Mountain, - - - - - - -	2 00	
Franklin, - - - - - - -	8 00	
Hampshire Central, - - - -	9 00	
Hampden, - - - - - -	8 00	
Brookfield, - - - - - - -	6 50	
Harmony, - - - - - - -	4 00	
Worcester Central, - - - -	6 50	
Worcester North, - - - -	3 50	
Middlesex Union, - - - - -	7 50	
Middlesex South, - - - -	7 00	
Woburn, - - - - -	3 50	
Andover, - - - - - - -	4 00	
Essex North, - - - - -	7 00	
Salem and Vicinity, - - - -	8 00	
Suffolk North, - - - - -	6 00	
Suffolk South, - - - - -	4 50	
Norfolk, - - - - - - -	8 50	
Taunton, - - - - - - -	7 00	
Old Colony, - - - - - -	0 00	
Pilgrim, - - - - - - -	2 50	
Brewster, - - - - - - -	0 00	
Vineyard Sound, - - - -	0 50	135 30
Contra, Dr.		
1836 and 1837. To postage on letters respecting the concerns of General Association. -	50	
1836 and 1837. To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents of General Association, for printing 900 copies of Minutes in 1836, - -	125 75	126 25
Balance in the Treasury,		9 05

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

MARTIN MOORE, }
PHILIP COLBY. } *Auditing Committee.*

North Brookfield, June 29, 1837.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In reviewing the past year, we have much cause for gratitude. Although revivals of religion have not abounded, God has not forgotten to be gracious, nor in anger shut up his tender mercies. Peace has generally prevailed in our churches, and much has been accomplished in sowing the seed of life.

Among the churches in the Berkshire Association, those of Pittsfield and Sandisfield have been most favored with the influences of the Spirit. In the former place about fifty, it is hoped, have become converts to righteousness. Williams college contains nearly fifty students, who are anticipating the work of the ministry.

The Mountain Association embraces nine churches, four of which only have settled pastors. In Worthington and Middlefield, forty or fifty have recently given evidence of a change of heart. Public sentiment is improving in regard to the importance of a regular and permanent ministry. The labors of Daniel Frost, Esq. that highly esteemed advocate of temperance, have been here, as elsewhere, signally successful. One half of the population of Middlefield, a town containing seven hundred and ten inhabitants, have subscribed the pledge of entire abstinence. Worthington also has set a good example in the same cause. A distribution of the volumes published by the American Tract Society, has met with much favor. In one town, a

library of 500 volumes has been formed, and three hundred persons have been induced to attend sabbath school and Bible class instruction, where but two years since no such instruction was enjoyed.

The Hampshire Central Association now embraces twenty-nine churches. Six are without pastors, and one has an aged pastor who had retired from public duty. The venerable Enoch Hale, for some years the faithful Secretary of this General Association, has departed to the rest that remaineth for God's people. Amherst college continues to flourish, but greatly needs additions to its pecuniary resources. The Mount Holyoke Female Seminary will soon be opened; and high hopes are entertained, that it will exert a happy influence upon the interests of education and religion.

In Hampden Association, sixteen of the twenty-four churches are supplied with pastors, twenty-five have been added to the church in Blandford, as the fruit of a recent revival. In the Academy at Westfield, about thirty, it is believed, have dedicated their talents to the cause of the Redeemer.

In the Franklin Association, it is with much pleasure that we notice the smiles of Heaven upon the newly formed orthodox church in Deerfield.

Eleven of the fourteen churches in the Harmony Association had pastors at the beginning of the year. Rev. Osgood Herrick, a much endeared servant of Christ, has ceased from his labors. One pastor has been dismissed under ecclesiastical censure. Religion has been revived in about a third part of the churches.

Three only of the sixteen churches in the Brookfield Association are without pastors. The influences of the Spirit have been felt in nearly all the churches; but in some more particularly. From ten to twenty or thirty have been added to individual churches.

In several of the churches of the Worcester North Association, very special efforts have been made to promote the conversion of sinners, and to elevate the standard of public morals. A church has been organized in Royalston factory village. In Winchendon, during the year ending last April, eighty-three have been added to the church by profession. Of those not professors of religion, all but two in a select school were hopefully converted.

In the Worcester Central Association, the church in West Boylston has been bereaved of its beloved and lamented pastor, Rev. Elijah Paine. The churches in Holden, East Douglass, and some other places have had occasion to praise God for the influences of the Holy Spirit.

The churches in Middlesex Union Association continue to advance, with one recent exception, they all have settled pastors. Four only receive assistance from the Home Missionary Society. The amount contributed to this Society, within the bounds of this Association, much exceeds that which is thus received. The support given by these feeble churches to the various objects of benevolence is worthy of all praise. Forty or fifty hopeful conversions are reported from Pepperell and Fitchburg. Boxboro and Ashby have been graciously remembered.

In Middlesex South Association, there are no churches destitute of pastors. There have been revivals in Needham, Sudbury, and Marlborough.

In Woburn Association, some of the churches, as in West Reading and Bedford, have been considerably blessed. Most of the churches have received some accessions. All but three have pastors, and one now vacant will soon be supplied.

No revival is reported from the Andover Association. The churches are in general favored with external prosperity. The Theological Seminary at Andover is in a flourishing condition, and its present members give promise of great usefulness.

There have been interesting revivals in the Suffolk North Association, all the churches have pastors, and appear to be growing in knowledge and piety. Important additions have been made to their numbers and strength.

In the Suffolk South Association, all the churches but one have pastors. They have been in great peace, and have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. In the mariner's church there is delightful evidence of the blessing of God upon the efforts for the benefit of seamen. In the church at West Roxbury, as formed the last year, there has been an interesting revival of religion.

Seven of the twenty-one churches in Essex North Association, are without pastors. There has been a somewhat powerful revival at Salisbury Mills, and fifty have united

with the church. In the west parish of Salisbury, and the church in Amesbury, there has been special interest in the subject of religion.

In the Salem and vicinity Association, the institutions of the Gospel and the cause of christian philanthropy are well sustained. More than a hundred are supposed to have become pious at Sandy Bay. The other churches in Gloucester have also been blessed.

In Norfolk Association there are twenty churches, three of which have no pastors. Rev. Dr. Gile, of Milton, has gone to his reward. Unity of sentiment and fraternity of feeling still characterize this Association, accessions have been made to some churches.

The Taunton Association includes seventeen churches. Four of these are without pastors, but generally have preaching. In Fall River, the number of hopeful converts is nearly one hundred; in Nantucket between eighty and ninety: in Norton about eighty, thirty of whom are young ladies in the Wheaton Female Seminary.

Six of the eleven churches in the Pilgrim Association, were planted by the fathers of New England. They are obliged to contend with many difficulties, yet their prospects are brightening.

The Vineyard Sound and Brewster Associations now occupy the place of the Barnstable Association. The Vineyard Sound Association was formed in 1836. There are twelve churches and eight pastors. In Yarmouth, there have been some pleasing indications of the presence of the Spirit.

It may be added in the way of general statement, that Sabbath Schools appear to prosper, and that benevolent objects are patronized with increased liberality. Efforts have been made in many places to give a new impulse to the cause of temperance, by persuading people to adopt the comprehensive pledge. These efforts have not been in vain. There is, however, much need of spirited and persevering exertion to extend the triumphs of the Temperance Reformation.

From the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Conference of Maine, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, we are happy to learn, that their churches are in a state of peace and pros-

perity, that many interesting revivals have been enjoyed, that their literary and theological institutions are advancing, and that a commendable support is rendered to the various enterprises of christian benevolence, which are the glory of our age. In Maine the sanctification of the Sabbath has been an object of very special attention. And it is devoutly to be hoped, that in all the churches and congregations of the land there will be an increase of disposition to remember the Sabbath and reverence the sanctuary.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the Churches under their care:—

Brethren and Friends,

Having assembled to consult upon the interests of religion within this commonwealth, we would now, as Pastors and Teachers, in accordance with the custom of this Association, address you on some of the subjects which at the present time appear to us to have an important bearing upon the cause of Christ.

The first topic upon which we would speak, has respect to the perplexed and agitating subjects which are now common amongst us.

All that we would say at present with regard to these subjects, is this: *They should not be forced upon any church as matters for debate, at the hazard of alienation and division.*

Once it would have seemed strange even to hint that members of churches could wish to force a subject for debate upon their Pastor and their brethren of the same church. But we are compelled to mourn over the loss, in a degree, of that deference to the pastoral office, which no minister would arrogate, but which is at once a mark of christian urbanity, and a uniform attendant of the full influence of religion upon individual character. If there be a tendency in zeal upon these subjects to violate the principles and rules of christian intercourse, to interfere with the proper pastoral influence, and to make the church into which we flee from a troubled world for peace, a scene of

"doubtful disputations," there must be something wrong in that zeal or in the principles which excite it. If any are constrained to adopt those principles, and to use that zeal, we would affectionately and solemnly caution them not to disturb the influence of those ministers who think that the promotion of personal religion among their people, and the establishment of Christians in the faith and comfort of the Gospel, is the proper object of their ministry.

II. We would call your attention to the importance of maintaining *that respect and deference to the Pastoral office which is enjoined in Scripture*, and which is essential to the best influence of the ministry on you and your children.

One way in which this respect has been in some cases violated, is in encouraging lecturers or preachers on certain topics of reform to present their subjects within the parochial limits of settled pastors without their consent.

Your minister is ordained of God to be your teacher, and is commanded to feed that flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer. If there are certain topics upon which he does not preach with the frequency, or in the manner that would please *you*, it is a violation of sacred and important rights to encourage a stranger to present them. Deference and subordination are essential to the happiness of society, and peculiarly so in the relation of a people to their pastor. Let them despise or slight him, and he ceases to do *them* good, and they cease to respect those things of which he is at once the minister and the symbol. There is great solemnity in those words: "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account." It is because we desire the highest influence of the ministry upon you and your children, that we now exhort you to reverence that office which the ascending Redeemer selected from all his gifts as the highest token of his love and care for his people.

III. We invite your attention to the dangers which at present seem to threaten the female character with wide spread and permanent injury.

The appropriate duties and influence of women, are clearly stated in the New Testament. Those duties and that influence are unobtrusive and private, but the sources

of mighty power. When the mild, dependant, softening influence of woman upon the sternness of man's opinions is fully exercised, society feels the effects of it in a thousand forms. The power of woman is in her dependence, flowing from the consciousness of that weakness which God has given her for her protection and which keeps her in those departments of life that form the character of individuals and of the nation. There are social influences which females use in promoting piety and the great objects of christian benevolence, which we cannot too highly commend. We appreciate the unostentatious prayers and efforts of woman, in advancing the cause of religion at home and abroad:—in Sabbath schools, in leading religious inquirers to their pastor for instruction, and in all such associated effort as becomes the modesty of her sex; and earnestly hope that she may abound more and more in these labours of piety and love. But when she assumes the place and tone of a man as a public reformer, our care and protection of her seem unnecessary, we put ourselves in self defence against her, she yields the power which God has given her for protection, and her character becomes unnatural. If the vine, whose strength and beauty is to lean upon the trellis work and half conceal its clusters, thinks to assume the independence and the overshadowing nature of the elm, it will not only cease to bear fruit, but fall in shame and dishonour into the dust.

We cannot, therefore, but regret the mistaken conduct of those who encourage females to bear an obtrusive and ostentatious part in measures of reform, and countenance any of that sex who so far forget themselves as to itinerate in the character of public lecturers and teachers.

We especially deplore the intimate acquaintance and promiscuous conversation of females with regard to things "which ought not to be named;" by which that modesty and delicacy which is the charm of domestic life, and which constitute the true influence of women in society are consumed, and the way opened, as we apprehend, for degeneracy and ruin. We say these things, not to discourage proper influences against sin, but to secure such reformation as we believe is scriptural and will be permanent.

IV. We would set before you, as specially important in the present times, *the cultivation of private christian character, and private efforts for the spiritual good of individuals.*

If every Christian will faithfully endeavor so to live and act, so to discipline his natural disposition, and to make such attainments in goodness as to receive a testimony like that which Enoch had before his translation, that he pleases God, true piety will be universal, and pure religion will prevent the incursions of doctrinal and practical errors.

We should remember that while we strive to *do* good, it is of the first importance that we *be* good. The improvement of his individual christian character, should be the first and great object with every one. To exercise the feelings of which the Savior has set us an example, to be like Him in the spirit and temper of our minds, is the surest way to secure the approbation and love of God. Without this, our public efforts in the cause of God and man, however extensive and successful, will profit us nothing.

If Christians will labor *privately* to form individual minds, especially those of the young, to virtue and religion, they will hasten the universal prevalence of religion by the most effectual means. We commend the Sabbath School, and the Bible Class to the members of our churches as opportunities of extensive and enduring influence.

The regular, uniform discharge of the duties of our stations in the fear of God, the influence of faith, hope, and charity, upon the heart and conduct, a growing acquaintance with the Bible as a means of true and safe zeal, an increasing knowledge of the way of salvation by Christ, as a matter of personal experience and hope, should be the aim and end of every member of our churches. That we may be examples to you in these things, pray for us continually. And may grace, mercy, and peace be upon you and yours, and upon the whole Israel of God, Amen.

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1837.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Stockbridge,	Tertius S. Clark,	June 15, 1837	65	148	213	9	2	11	3	9	0	3	7	Ab't 170	40
Curtisville,	(St'd sup.) C. Hudson,		71	121	192	19	4	23	3	12	1	12	5	160	in both.
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	59	187	246	9	3	12	6	9	0	5	12	329	147
Great Barrington,	Josiah W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	41	134	175	0	3	3	4	12	0	0	6	140	38
N. Marlborough, N.	Harley Goodwin,	Jan. 4, 1826	55	119	174	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	125	0
" S.	Vacant,		19	48	67	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	47	27
Tyringham,	Alvah S. Page,	April 26, 1837	46	84	130	0	2	2	1	6	0	0	5	45	25
Sandisfield,	Platt T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	54	145	199	1	3	4	1	6	1	0	15	140	50
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	33	115	148	4	3	7	2	7	0	0	7	140	in both.
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	142	272	414	11	7	18	10	15	0	6	32	240	60
Lanesborough,	Russell Cook,	Jan. 18, 1837	38	73	111	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	20
Williamstown,	Albert Smith,	Feb. 11, 1836	192	262	454	4	1	5	2	64	0	1	10	222	68
S. Williamstown,	Vacant,														
Williams College,			33	0	33	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	50
Richmond,	Vacant,														
Lenox,	Sam'l Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	140	213	353	38	3	41	3	4	0	7	10	190	21*
Peru,	Joseph Wright,	July 6, 1836	92	124	216	0	6	6	1	2	0	0	3	200	0
Windsor,	Philetus Clark,	Sept. 30, 1835	29	52	81	2	3	5	4	9	0	2	9	114	53
" 2d Parish,	Vacant,		10	21	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10
Lee,	Joshua N. Danforth,	June 18, 1834	139	272	411	21	2	23	5	14	0	13	13	0	0
Dalton,	Harper Boice,	June 17, 1835	54	86	140	0	1	1	1	5	2	0	2	0	0
W. Stockbridge,	Vacant,		44	82	126	4	1	5	1	12	1	1	2	80	35
" Village,			12	22	34	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	15	12
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	36	83	119	17	0	17	3	12	0	5	12	219	0
Otis,	Vacant,		46	76	122	0	4	4	2	6	0	0	6	48	12
Egremont,	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	19	41	60	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	80	50
North Adams,	Ebenezer Russell,	1836	45	88	133	0	10	10	0	16	0	0	0	126	25
Mt. Washington,	Vacant,		4	10	14	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	30	0
Canaan, 4 Cor. N. Y.	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Feb. 4, 1835	37	100	137	40	2	42	2	2	0	19	2	0	114
		Total,	1555	2978	4513	180	68	248	56	226	7	75	163	2930	867

* Also a class of aged people.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 18, 1835	27	77	104	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	203	0
Goshen,	Stephen Mason,	June 22, 1836	29	69	88	12	4	16	0	0	0	3	3	175	0
Plainfield,	Moses Hallock,	July 11, 1792	60	90	150	2	3	5	4	0	0	1	5	150	30
Worthington,	Henry Adams,	Dec. 25, 1833			170	6	5	11	0	7	0	1	6	200	30
Cummington,	Vacant,		37	77	114	0	0	0	2	10	0	0	2	50	0
Middlefield,	John H. Bisbee,	Feb. 20, 1834	38	66	104	5	0	5	3	9	0	3	2	100	25
Chester,	Alanson Alvord,	Nov. 19, 1834			190	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	3	200	75
Norwich,	Stated supply,		48	97	145	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	5	100	10
Washington,	Stated supply,		21	43	64	5	0	5	0	3	0	1	3	40	17
		Total,	260	519	1129	36	22	58	12	33	0	9	29	1218	237

HAMPSHIRE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Amherst, 1st parish,			65	133	198	3	6	9	1	15	1			248	
" 2d "	Nathan Perkins, Jr.	Oct. 10, 1810	68	139	207	2	1	3	5	9			11	170	
" North "	William W. Hunt,	March 7, 1837	43	74	117	2	2	4	5	5			10	215	
" South "															
" College,	H. Humphrey, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1827			105										
Belchertown, 1st par.	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833	125	167	292	1	3	4	4	19	3		8	250	
" Brainerd, "					106										
Easthampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	68	149	217	7	7	14	6	5			10	200	60
Enfield,	Joshua Crosby,														
	Sumner G. Clapp,*	Jan. 9, 1828			256	21	9	30	7	10					
Granby, 1st parish,	Eli Moody,	Oct. 5, 1836	116	162	278		49	49	2	10			16	300	
" West,															
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	40	87	127	3		3	1	7		5	2	130	20
Hadley, 1st parish,	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831	124	212	336		2	2	6	8			21	300	
" Upper Mills,	Ebenezer Brown,	April 3, 1835	17	33	50	1	6	7	2	2			4	85	20
Hatfield,															
Leverett,	Freegrace Reynolds,*	Dec. 5, 1832			85									90	
Northampton, 1st pr.															
" Edwards "	John Mitchell,†														
Prescott,	Job Cushman,†	Oct. 17, 1835	44	64	108				2					75	25
South Hadley, 1st,	Joseph D. Condit,	July 3, 1835	65	111	176	4	11	15	5	4			10	200	75
" Canal,	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	21	52	73	1	4	5		2			4	100	40
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	162	244	406	2	2	4	9		6			475	
Ware, East parish,	Cyrus Yale,	June 11, 1833	66	174	240	21	23	44	3	5		9	5	400	
Westhampton,	Enoch Hale,	Sept. 1, 1779			140				1	7				120	50
	Horace B. Chapin,	July 3, 1829													
Whately,	John Ferguson,	Mar. 16, 1836	74	116	190	10	3	13	4	5		2	3	200	
Williamsburg,	William Lusk,	Jan. 1836	50	131	181	18	2	20	3	1		8	18	250	60
		Total,	1148	2048	3388	96	130	226	71	114	10	24	122	3858	350

*Dismissed. †Not associated. MINISTERS NOT SETTLED PASTORS.—Rev. Vinson Gould, Rev. Samuel W. Whelpley, Rev. Luke A. Spofford. These are members of the Association.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Blandford,	C. J. Hindsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	46	108	154	3	2	5	1	4		2	2		
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	50	105	155	10	3	13	4	7	1	4	6	100	53
" Middle,	Henry Eddy,	Feb. 16, 1836	43	55	93	0	2	2	2	4	1		10	100	
Longmeadow, 1st P.			66	134	200									175	
" 2d P.	Martin Tupper,	1835	40	75	115									85	
Ludlow,															
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	133	247	380	7	5	12		23	3	1	4	300	
Montgomery,	Caleb Knight,	June, 1836	16	56	72	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	60	
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 11, 1832	58	143	201	4	2	6	4	1		3	6	175	
Russell,			7	17	24										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Supply.			71	32	3	35	2	2		26		50	
Springfield, 1st So.	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809			540	11	7	18				3	13	370	175
" 2d "	E. B. Wright,	Oct. 7, 1035	23	48	71	0	5	5	1	7	0	0	7	90	25
" 4th "	A. C. Baldwin,	Dec. 4, 1833	41	76	117	2	15	17	1	3	0	0	2	175	150
" 5th "	Dorus Clark,	March 4, 1835	35	66	101	6	10	16	0	3	0	4	4	200	
" 6th "	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	12	26	38									100	
Tolland,			20	30	50								2	60	
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June, 1836			436	40	7	47	7	13	1	16	14	400	
Wilbraham, N. Par.			42	101	143									100	
" S. "			42	37	129									100	
W. Springfield, 1st,			51	143	194										
" Ireland Par.	Hervey Smith,	1833	25	65	90	12	3	15	3			5	3	95	25
" Agawan, "	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	64	87	151			21	3	3	1	3		100	
" Feed. Hills P.	Calvin Foote,	Dec. 23, 1836	30	61	91	14		14	1	2		4	5	50	
		Total,	844	1730	3621	141	65	227	31	78	7	71	79	2840	433

NOT PASTORS.—Roger Harrison, George Nichols, David R. Austin.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Ashfield,	Burr Baldwin,	April 20, 1836	103	180	283	0	3	3	2	16	0	0	14	375	†
Bernardston,	Baneroft Fowler,	Dec. 21, 1836	9	16	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	13
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1834	53	118	171	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	5	†	†
Charlemont,			47	100	147	1	1	2	1	5	0	0	4	†	†
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	60	200	260	4	7	11	6	17	0	1	6	200	100
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	†												
Deerfield, Evan. So.	Pomroy Beldon,*	Supply,	5	19	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ervings Grant,	Salmon Bennett,*	Supply,	18	27	45	1	4	5	1	1	0	†	†	†	†
Greenfield, 1st Par.	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1833	13	37	50	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	60	15
" 2d "															
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,*	Supply,	15	49	64	1	3	4	1	6	0	0	3	147	†
Hawley, East Par.	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834													
" West, "			†												
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	55	108	163	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	4	200	60
Montague,	Benjamin Holmes,	Nov. 18, 1834	†												
New Salem,	Erastus Curtiss,	Oct. 23, 1834	40	90					1				1		
Northfield,	I. H. Lombard,*	July, 1836													
Rowe,	Samuel Thompson,	Oct. 28, 1835	7	17	24	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	1	35	25
Shelburne,	The. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	The. Packard, Jr.	Mar. 12, 1823	58	114	172	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	9	250	0
South Deerfield,	Wm. M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	37	82	119	3	2	5	2	1	0	1	15	160	15
Sunderland,	Solomon B. Ingram,	Dec. 28, 1836	40	74	114	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	†	†
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	25	47	72	1	2	3	0	6	2	1	6	†	†
Wendell,	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	74	124	198	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	100	50
		Total,	659	1402	2131	14	32	46	23	73	3	4	71	1571	278

*Not associated. †Not reported.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To-	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
N. Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	60	132	192	1	7	3	1			1	16		
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	39	119	158	3			1	5			3	300	
W. Brookfield,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	142	270	412	1	3	4	3	6			11	350	
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	27	89	116	2	1	3	5	1	1	0	3	250	
Sturbridge,	Joseph S. Clark,	Dec. 31, 1831	115	222	337	35	14	49	7	12	1	21	3	425	
Ware, 1st Parish,	Augustus B. Read,	July 19, 1826	51	114	165	7	1	3	1	4		3	16	196	
S. Brookfield,	Micah Stone,	Mar. 11, 1801	21	48	69				1	3			3	120	
	Richard Woodruff,	Feb. 5, 1834													
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	Jan. 22, 1786	54	109	163	10	3	13	3	1		2	2	300	
	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832													
Holland,	James Sanford,		16	43	59		1	1			2			65	
Brimfield,	Vacant,														
Charlton,	Isaac R. Barbour,	Nov. 23, 1836	21	82	103									75	
Petersham,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Jan. 26, 1834	24	60	84	3	0	3	0	6	0	0	3		
Hardwick,	Vacant,		34	88	122	5	6	11	4	0	0	0		200	
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	30	80	110									150	
Dudley,	Vacant,														
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	26	79	105	11	7	18	3	3		8		225	
Barre,	Samuel A. Fay,	May 10, 1837			216	64	9	73	0	4	0	28	20	270	
		Total,	660	1535	2411	142	52	191	29	45	4	63	80	2926	

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Douglas, 1st Church,	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	31	83	114	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	120	
Grafton,	John Wilde,	June 20, 1832			211	12	7	19	2	3	1	10	2	300	
Millbury, 1st Church,	Osgood Herrick,*	Dec. 9, 1830	74	120	194	11	7	18	1	47				203	20
" 2d "	S. G. Buckingham,†	May 24, 1837			130	2	9	11		15				150	
Uxbridge Evan. Ch.	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	70	196	266	39	9	48	2	14	1	24	8	320	20
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	60	165	225	7	1	8	3	1	1	4	5	260	
Northbridge,	Charles Forbush,	June 4, 1834	37	70	107	18	3	21	2	5	0	12	19		
Millville,	David Cushman,	Stated Sup.	7	22	29	8	2	10		1		5	3	60	
Westborough,	C. B. Kittredge,†		100	205	305	57	28	85	4	3		24	19	417	
Northbridge Village,	Michael Burdett,	April 15, 1835	16	55	71	3	5	8	0	0	0	1	5	125	40
Slaterville, R. I.	Charles B. Elliot,	1835	8	15	23	8		8		3					
Mendon,	Thomas Edwards,	Dec. 28, 1836	12	41	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796				1	1	2	2	1	0	1	3		
		Total,	415	972	1723	166	72	238	18	97	3	81	65	1935	80

*Died since the roport was made out. †Settled since the report was made out.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.	Removals in 1836.	Baptisms, 1836.	No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.					
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	65	104	169					
East Douglas,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835			66	6	1	4	160	40
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	163	276	430	37	25	32	450	
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	66	154	220					
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	72	189	261	6		14	212	
Millbury 2d Cong. S.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	60	90	150				200	
Oxford,	H. Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	85	175	260	10	3	28	315	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 12, 1828			205					
Paxton,	J. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835	30	60	90	6	6	7	150	
Princeton,	Elijah Damond,	1836			100					
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1813	89	148	237	8	5	5	375	
Shrewsbury,	George Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823			140				200	
West Boylston,										
Worcester, 1st Ch.	R. A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			385	13	28	14	300	
" Cal. "	David Peabody,				200				235	
" Un. "	J. E. Woodbridge,	Nov. 24, 1836	40	40	80			5	200	
Berlin,	E. L. Clark,	1835			80		1			
		Total,	670	1236	3073	86	69	109	2797	40

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants		
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	113	200	319	24	8	32	1	4		8	18	160	171
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	1815	92	217	309	5	2	7	8	9		1	9	200	
Royalston,	E. Perkins,	1819	86	134	220	7		7	3	25			10	200	
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1834	73	138	211	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	190	
Winchendon,	D. O. Morton,	March, 1836			195	38	10		5	4	1			200	
Athol,	J. F. Warren,	March, 1835													
Phillipston,	A. Lovell,	Dec. 1835			230				1	6				275	
Templeton,					93										
		Total,	364	689	1532	74	20	46	18	54	1	9	43	1225	171

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Acton Evan. Con.	Jas. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	73	125	198	7	1	8	2	1		4	2	100	
Ashby Cal. Con.	Orsamus Tinker,	Jan. 1, 1834	55	103	158	8	5	13	5	2	1	1	8	330	
Bolton Evan. Con.	J E. Davenport,	July 14, 1836	39	69	108	2	2	4		7		2	4	100	
Boxboro' Trin. Soc.	Joseph W. Cross,	Oct. 1, 1834	23	41	64	14		14	4			5	7	75	75
Carlisle Evan. Gv.	Preserved Smith,														
Dunstable Evan. Ch	Levi Brigham,	Feb. 1837	25	75	100	3	1	4	2	3			4	100	
Fitchburg Cal. Con.	*Joshua Emery, Jr.	May 13, 1835	97	196	293	21	6	27	3	7	1	10	9	426	
Groton Union Ch.	Dudley Phelps,														
Harvard Cal. Con.	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	54	130	184	2	6	8	4	1		1	1	175	
Leominster Ev. Con.	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	36	78	114	8	3	11	2	3		2	10	200	
Lunenburg Ev. Con.	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	11	21	32	7	4	11	1			4	3	77	
Pepperell Ev. Con.	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	141	244	385	2	10	12	4	6		2	8	425	
Shirley Ev. Con.	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830													
Townsend Or. Con.	Mr. Stowell,	June 28, 1837													
Westford Union Ch.	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	48	106	154	9	6	15	3	3	1	5	9	225	
		Total,	602	1138	1790	83	44	127	30	33	3	36	72	2238	75

*Dismissed June 1837.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Concord, Trin. Chh.	John Wilder,	Aug. 7, 1833	16	56	72	3		3	1	5		1	6	100	25
Framingham,	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	59	215	274				2				9	150	50
Holliston,	John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	53	123	176	6	3	9						230	
Hopkinton,	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	41	101	142	2	2	4	6	11	1	1	3	250	30
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	25	81	106	3		3	2				3	120	25
Natick,	E. D. Moore,	Nov. 6, 1833	59	111	170	4	7	11	4			3	11	180	
Needham, West,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	26	63	89	5		5	1	4		1	3	179	
Marlborough,	John N. Goodhue,	May 4, 1836	34	75	109	5	3	8	2	2		0	7	295	
Saxonville,	C. Kidder,	July 30, 1834	9	39	48	6	5	11	1	7		2	5	180	
Sherburne,	D. T. Smith,	Dec. 7, 1836	53	106	159		2	2	1	4			1	146	
Southboro',	Walter Follett,	Oct. 24, 1832	33	73	106	3	10	13	1	2		4	7	260	
Sudbury,	Rufus Hurlbut,	Feb. 26, 1817	37	103	140	20	1	21	3	2		2	4	200	
Waltham, Trin. Chh.	Sewall Harding,	Jan. 17, 1821	16	115	131	6	2	8	2	12		1	4	120	
Wayland,	Lavius Hyde,	July 22, 1835	13	61	74	4	1	5	1	2			5	125	35
		Total,	474	1322	1796	67	36	103	27	51	1	15	68	2535	165

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Woburn,	G. Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	209	399	608	2	7	9	8	7	0	1	14	290	500
Burlington,	Samuel Sewal,	April 1814	19	51	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tewksbury,	G. Coggin,	Oct. 1806	55	135	191	5	0	5	4	0	0	2	4	204	36
Reading, South Par.	A. Pickett,	Sept. 1833			220			9	3	2			12	300	
South Reading,	R. Emerson,														
Billerica,	G. Haven,														
Wilmington,	F. Norwood,														
Stoneham,	Vacant,														
Lynnfield,	Vacant,														
Bedford,	G. Leavitt,														
North Reading,	Vacant,														
		Total,	293	585	1089	7	7	23	15	9	0	3	20	794	360

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.				Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To-	By Death.	Dis.	Ex		Adults.	Infants.		
Andover, South Par.	L. L. Langstroth,	May 11, 1836	159	351	510	6	7	13	3	10			1	17	580	
" West "	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	53	130	183	3	1	4	2	1			1	9	175	
" North "	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	15	49	64	8	11	19	1	1			5	3	75	15
" Chapel Ch.	Justin Edwards, D. D.	Sept. 1836			60	8	8	16	1	7			0	5	250	
Lowell, 1st Con. Ch.	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	85	624	709	46	45	91	4	38			17	10	500	
" 2d "	Vacant,		68	320	388	12	7	19	4	37			5	1	400	
" 3d "	Vacant,		41	194	235	19	5	24	6	12			11	4	250	
Dracut, West Ch.	Tobias Pinkham,	May 18, 1836	16	74	90	5	1	6	2	0			3	6	125	
" Ev. Con. Ch.	Epaphros Goodman,	June 15, 1836	34	104	138	2	5	7	5	0			2	3		
Methuen, 1st Con. Church,	S. G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832	75	111	136	10	4	14	4	2	2		0	6	300	
Boxford, 1st Parish,	J. Whitney,	Oct. 15, 1834	9	42	51	1	1	2	1	0	0		0	2	75	20
Chelmsford, 2d Con. Church,	Vacant,															
Reading, North Par.	Vacant,															
		Total,	560	1999	2619	120	95	215	33	108	2		45	66	2730	35

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Amesbury, West,	Vacant,		50	96	146				2				4	130	
" Mills,	S. H. Keeler,	Dec. 7, 1836													
Amesbury and Salisbury Union Ev. So.	Vacant,		9	29	38	3	10	13		3				80	25
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	32	98	130	4	7	11	4			3	4	150	175
" East,	Gardiner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814													
Byfield Parish,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	47	103	150	7	4	11	7	2	2	1	10	272	
Haverhill, Centre,	Vacant,														
" North,	S. H. Peckham,	Feb. 23, 1831	7	34	41	*	1	1		1			1		
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	14	33	47					2			3	85	
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	25	75	100		1	1	3				1	135	
Ipswich, North Par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	52	146	198	9		9	1	2		3	3	200	
Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st Par.	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	180	240	6		6			1			200	
" Bellville Par.	J. C. March,	March 1, 1832	51	89	140		4	4	6		2		2	130	
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. Ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	70	280	350	3	6	14	7	12		3	19	100	
Rowley, 1st Par.	W. Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	37	65	102	2		2	2	4			1	130	
" 2d "	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	44	86	130		1	1	2	1			4	260	70
Salisbury, (Rocky Hill,)	Benjamin Sawyer,	Stated Sup.	18	25	43		2	2	2	2				70	
W. Newbury, East,	Vacant,														
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	62	132	194	1	2	3	7	4			10	200	
		Total,	578	1471	2049	40	38	78	43	33	5	10	72	2062	270

*Living in Plaistow, N. H., and connected with this church, 11 males and 27 females.

SALEM AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
3d Con.Ch., Beverly,	J. Abbott,														
4th " "	John Foote,	Stated Sup.	4	24	28		3	3	1					40	10
1st Ch., Danvers,	M. P. Braman,														
2d " "	H. G. Park,	Feb. 1, 1837	26	135	161				5					150	
1st Con. Ch. Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	32	79	111				1		2		3	120	
Gloucester, 5th Ch.	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	84	153	237	14	3	17		1		4	25	330	200
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelly,	July, 3, 1834	28	85	113	14	1	15	1		1	5	4	130	
Ipswich, South Ch.	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	30	114	144	1	1	2		1			7	175	
Lynn, 1st chh.	Parsons Cooke,	May 1836	34	111	145	3	6	9	4	4	1		5	200	
Manchester,	S. M. Emerson,	Sept. 12, 1820	40	160	200				4					150	
Marblehead,	S. Dana,														
Middleton Ev. Co. S.	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	39	80	119				1				10	160	50
Salem, Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	90	312	402	7	5	12	8	6	1		12	500	
" 3d Con. Ch.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	57	258	315		4	4	2	3			10	350	
" Howard-st.	G. B. Cheever,	Feb. 13, 1833	45	85	130	1	6	7	3	8	9			130	
" Crombie-st.	W. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1832	48	153	201		1	1	3	7	1		10	250	
Saugus, Or. Con. Ch.	Moses Sawyer,	Stated Sup.	10	18	28	2	6	8	1	1		1	5	60	15
Topsfield,	J. F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	47	121	168				2	1			3	150	
Wenham,															
		Total,	614	1888	2502	42	36	78	36	32	15		94	2895	365

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Green Street,	Wm. Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	41	161	202	18	3	21		5		2	9	135	
Old South, Salem Street,	Geo. W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	97	386	483	10	7	17	4	9	1	3	15		
Bowdoin Street,	H. Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	174	330	504	120	40	160	3	12		50	30	200	40
Franklin Street,	Wm. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	60	84	144	33	46	79		5		13	22	162	
Charlestown, 1st Ch.	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	53	256	309	33	5	38	3	15	1	5	5	427	150
Winthrop Church,	D. Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	50	93	143	29	20	49	2	2		11	6	269	
Medford, 2d Church,	Levi Pratt,	Aug. 19, 1835	37	84	121	4	7	11	3	4			11	200	
Newton, 1st Ch.	J. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1782													
	J. Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827	68	178	246		3	3	2	5			6	100	20
" 2d "	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	32	58	90					2				60	15
Cambridge,	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	30	90	120	4	4	8	1	5				131	
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	35	100	135	11	12	23		1	1	2	7	120	40
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	18	55	73	2	2	4				1	2		
		Total,	695	1875	2570	264	149	413	18	65	3	87	113	1804	265

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—Rufus Anderson, Jared Curtis, Seth Bliss, L. Ives Hoadly, Asa Bullard, S. H. Stearns.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Phillips Ch., S. Bost.	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	52	112	164	10	24	34	1	16	0	1	8	130	
Pine-st. Boston,	Artemas Boies,	Dec. 10, 1834	73	164	237	16	22	38	1	13	1			231	35
Essex-st. "	Nehemiah Adams,	Mar. 26, 1834	94	334	428	13	13	26	5	23	1	8	22	250	
Park-st. "	Silas Aiken,	Mar. 22, 1837	101	321	422	5	6	11		25	2				
Mariners' "	D. M. Lord,	Nov. 11, 1835	33	38	71	12	6	18	2	3	2	5	5	180	
Dedham, 1st Ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	Mar. 13, 1821	69	183	252	3	0	3	2	8		2	5	200	100
Walpole,	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	31	93	124	1	2	3		1			8	90	
Eliot Ch., Roxbury,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 25, 1835	38	70	108	7	25	32	1	5		3	14	100	
Spring-st. "	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	12	31	43	3	8	11				1	3	100	
Brighton,			43	86	129	4	7	11	3	10				90	
		Total,	546	1432	1978	74	111	187	15	109	6	20	65	1421	135

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—William Cogswell, D. D., Thomas Noyes, Louis Dwight, David Greene.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants		
Dorchester, 2d Ch.	John Codman, D. D.	1808	79	223	302	16	4	20	4	5	2	1	40	200	
Braintree, 1st "	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	1811	46	136	182		6	6	1		1		6	120	
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	1810	46	100	146					3				150	
Cohasset, Evan. Ch.	Martin Moore,	1833	17	73	90	8		8				3	6	161	
Randolph, 1st "	Calvin Hitchcock,	1821	50	80	130	4	1	5	4			2	3	150	
Braintree and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,		69	124	193	2		2				1	6		
Braintree South,	Lyman Matthews,	1830	14	26	40	2		2					2	100	
Bridgewater, Trinitarian Ch.	Ebenezer Gay,	1823	33	51	84		6	6	1	42			2	30	
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	1835	90	155	245	7	9	16	4	23	3	3	6		
E. and W. "	Baalis Sanford,	1827	35	64	99	2	1	3	1			2	6	136	
Milton,	S. W. Cozzens,	1837	22	71	93	1		1					3	120	
Dorchester, Vil. Ch	David Sanford,	1830	35	129	164	25	1	26	1	5		12	17	200	
Dedham South,	Calvin Durfee,	1836	30	90	120	1	4	5	1			1	4	115	
Abington, 1st Par.	James W. Ward,	1834	58	87	145	9		9	2	2		5	7	230	
Quincy,	Wm. M. Cornell,	1834	15	48	63	6	8	14	1	4		3	12	80	
Weymouth, 1st Ch.	John C. Phillips,	1833	47	141	188			8					7		
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	1833			30			11	2	2		5	8		
East Randolph,	No Pastor,		45	70	115	9		9		2		5	5	135	
Sharon,	No Pastor,		30	71	101	3	1	4	3		1	2	7	55	
Canton,			10	21	31		2	2					8	95	
		Total,	771	1760	2611	95	43	155	25	88	7	45	155	2127	

TAUNTON AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. B. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 13, 1826	83	207	288									350	
" West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	32	102	134									160	
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	90	120									140	
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	101	210	311	104	5	109	3	14		59	32	330	200
Norton,	Cyrus W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	23	67	95	41	4	45	2	1		22		140	50
N. Middleboro',	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	43	96	141				1	2	4			100	
Middleboro' and Taunton Precinct,	Homer Barrows,	June 1, 1836	31	63	94	12	1	13		1		3	1	65	30
Rehoboth,	T. Vernon,				80									60	
Dighton,	Vacant,		21	44	65										
Assonet,	Vacant,		10	30	40										
Berkely,	Vacant,														
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 23, 1836													
W. Attleboro',	B. Ober,	July 1, 1836													
" 2d Parish,	J. Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836													
Nantucket,	W. J. Breed,	June 10, 1835													
Bridgewater,	S. Raymond,				33									60	
Seekonk,	I. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1834	26	81	107	5		5	2	1		2	6	89	25
		Total,	405	990	1503	162	10	172	8	19	4	91	39	1994	305

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.—*No Report.*

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. S. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants.		
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	32	100	132				1					93	30
Plymouth, 2d Par.	Pastor not associated,														
" 3d "			32	100	132	1	2	3	1	1			5	130	60
" 4th "	Benjamin Whitmore,	Oct. 18, 1818	44	67	111				1				1	100	30
" Robinson So.			19	61	80	4	2	6				3	6		
Carver,	Paul Jewett,	1836	40	80	120									60	
Halifax,	Supply,		20	40	60									30	15
Hanson,	Supply,		9	36	45									35	
Kingston, Evan. So.	Abraham Jackson,	Nov. 12, 1834	13	26	39	4	4	8	1			1		81	30
Marshfield,			8	20	28									30	
" N., Evan. So.	Elbridge G. Howe,		2	12	14									30	
		Total,	219	542	761	9	8	17	4	1		4	12	594	165

Members of Asso. not Settled.—Ethan Smith, Boylston; Timothy Davis, Kingston; Freeman P. Howland, Hanson; Lucius W. Clarke, Plymouth; Thomas Boutelle, Wrentham.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Town or Parish.	Ministers.	Settled.	No. of mem. Jan. 1, 1837.			Admissions in 1836.			Removals in 1836.			Baptisms, 1836.		No. Sab. Sc.	No. S. Class.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	By Prof.	By Rec.	To.	By Death.	Dis.	Ex	Adults.	Infants		
Marshpee,	Phineas Fish,	1811	3	18	21									32	10
South Barnstable,	William Marchant,	1835	22	32	54									50	
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	89	193	282	10	2	12	6	4		7	6	250 in both.	
Monument,	Abel Patten,	Oct. 8, 1835	11	37	48	6		6	3			4	1	40	
North Falmouth,	G. Dana,	Licentiate,	26	42	68	1		1	2	1				35	30
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	Mar. 31, 1831	59	120	179	1		1	5	2		1	8	95	
West Barnstable,	Alfred Greenwood,	May 18, 1836	50	113	163	2		2	6		1		2	100	50
Edgartown,	David Tilton,	Oct. 14, 1835	20	74	94	3	2	5	1	1			13	80	10
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	July 19, 1835	14	29	43	7	1	8				6	3	48	22
Chilmark,	Vacant,				24										
East Falmouth,	Vacant,														
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822	22	120	142	14	2	16	6		1	9	16	140	30
		Total,	316	778	1118	44	7	51	29	8	2	27	49	870	152

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following;—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country; and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M. at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The Minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of a Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The Rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement,

commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body, connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruc-

tion of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday P. M. after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, &c. shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from

their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Associations, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some district Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN NEW BEDFORD, JUNE, 1838.

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OF THE

General Association of Massachusetts,

AT THEIR

MEETING AT NEW BEDFORD, JUNE 26, 1838,

WITH THE

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

PASTORAL LETTER.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled in New Bedford, in the meeting-house of the Rev. Sylvester Holmes, on Tuesday, June 26, 1838, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by the Rev. Mr. Holmes.

The Rev. Luther Sheldon was chosen Moderator, the Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Scribe, and the Rev. William Bement, Assistant Scribe.

The following members presented their credentials.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. William A. Hawley, Rev. Joseph Knight.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Jared Reid, Rev. William Bement.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Samuel Backus, Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale.
Franklin Association,	Rev. William Richards, Rev. Burr Baldwin.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Francis Horton, Rev. James Kimball.
Harmony Association,	Rev. John Wilde, Rev. David A. Grosvenor.
Worcester Central Association,	None.
Worcester North Association,	Rev. Daniel O. Morton, Rev. Eben. Perkins.

Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. O. G. Hubbard, Rev. Orsamus Tinker.
Middlesex South Association,	Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, Rev. John Wilder.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Joseph Bennet.
Andover Association,	Rev. Jesse Page.
Essex North Association,	Rev. John C. March, Rev. James R. Cushing.
Salem and Vicinity Association,	Rev. Wakefield Gale.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. George W. Blagden, Rev. John A. Albro.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Rev. Silas Aiken.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Luther Sheldon, Rev. James W. Ward.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Stetson Raymond, Rev. Orin Fowler.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. James A. Roberts, Rev. Daniel C. Burt.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Elijah Dexter, Rev. Robert B. Hall.
Vineyard Sound Association,	Rev. H. B. Hooker, Rev. William Marchant.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Enoch Pratt, Rev. Charles S. Adams.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. Warren Fay, D. D. Rev. Charles Fitch.

Rev. Sylvester Holmes, Pastor of the church in New Bedford, Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary.

Foreign Bodies.

Rev. John H. Church, D. D., from an Assembly organized, as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ranstead Court, Philadelphia, May 17, 1838.

Rev. Thomas Brainerd, from an Assembly organized, as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ranstead Court, May 17, 1838, and adjourned to the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

Rev. John K. Converse, General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Thomas Vernon, Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island.

Rev. John R. Adams, General Association of New Hampshire.

Ex Officio.

Rev. Nehemiah Adams, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church for 1838.

Rev. Enoch Sanford, delegate last year to the General Convention of Vermont.

After the rules of the Association had been read, the Moderator led in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Snell, D. D., Holmes, and Fay, D. D. were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Blagden, and Backus were appointed a committee to make nominations of committees during the session.

After prayer by the Moderator the Association adjourned to meet in this house, Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 28. The Association met agreeably to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator led in prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Reports were received from Rev. Messrs. N. Adams and Perkins, delegates to the General Association of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. John H. Bisbee, delegate to the General Assembly of New York; Rev. Wm. P. Paine, delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; and Rev. Dorus Clark, delegate to the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Messrs. Fay, D. D., Reid, N. Adams, Horton, and Albro were appointed a committee to report on the subject of delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to this body and from this body to the General Assembly.

The committee reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted—

1. That the following entry be made on the list of delegates to this body, to wit,

Rev. John H. Church, D. D., from an Assembly organized as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ranstead Court, Philadelphia, May 17, 1838.

Rev. Thomas Brainerd, from an Assembly organized as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ranstead Court, May 17, 1838, and adjourned to the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

2. That delegates be appointed by this body to the General Assembly, as usual; it being understood that they will not attend unless the question of constitutionality with regard to said Assembly shall have been decided.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Hooker, and Fitch were appointed a committee to receive the reports of the district Associations respecting delegates to foreign bodies and also to nominate delegates for the present year to foreign bodies.

Resolved, That the course adopted by our delegates to the General Association of the Presbyterian Church, for 1838, is cordially approved by this Association.

Rev. Messrs. Hawley, Sanford, Fay, D. D., Converse, and Raymond were appointed a Committee to report upon the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. Abbott, Aikin, and Fitch were appointed a committee of publication.

Rev. Messrs. Knight, Kimball, Wilder, Albro, and Wilde were appointed a committee to consult with the agents of the American Sunday School Union, and of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, now present, and report to the Association tomorrow morning, as to the best manner of disposing of the general subject.

Rev. Messrs. Phelps, Woodbury, and Smith were appointed a committee to prepare the next annual pastoral address.

Rev. Messrs. Aikin and J. R. Adams were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

A communication was received from the Pastoral Convention of New Hampshire, upon the permanency of the pastoral office.

Whereupon voted, That Messrs. Snell, Holmes, Abbott, Albro, and Adams be a committee to consider the communication from the Pastoral Convention of New Hampshire, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Association.

Rev. Samuel Backus was appointed second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

The Pastoral Address was read by the Rev. Mr. Worcester of Salem, and was accepted and placed in the hands of the publishing committee, to be published at their discretion.

It was voted, That the Secretary be requested hereafter to call upon every delinquent Association, to pay its annual tax.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster be the Agents in Boston, to transact the usual business of printing and circulating the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held in Plymouth, in the Third Church.

Rev. Messrs. Fay, D. D., Albro, and Dexter were appointed a committee to report some standing rules respecting the organizing of the General Association.

The above named committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

"It shall be the duty of the Secretary or the minister of the church where the Association may assemble, to examine the credentials of delegates from the different associations, and they only whose credentials are approved by them, shall be considered as members of the Association. Provided, nevertheless, that any delegate feeling himself aggrieved by the decision, may have the privilege of appeal to the Association after it has been organized."

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 *o'clock, P. M.* Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Converse, of Vermont. Heard the Narratives of the state of Religion in the several associations. Reports from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode-Island, were made by delegates to the Association from those bodies.

Nathan Crosby, Esq. of Newburyport, agent of the Massachusetts Temperance Union, addressed the Association on the morality and propriety of the License Law.

After prayer by the Moderator, voted to adjourn to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday morning, June 28. Association met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and prayer offered by the Moderator. The minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Committee on the American Sunday School Union, and Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, reported that no action is called for by this body, upon the subject committed to them. Which report was adopted.

The committee on Delegation to Foreign Bodies, reported repecting the more equal distribution of delegates.

Voted, To accept the report, and that it be printed with the Minutes, and each Association be requested to return to this body the number of their yeas and nays on its adoption, and that the whole subject be referred to the next General Association for final action upon it.

The above named committee also reported the following as the representation to Foreign Bodies for the ensuing year; which was adopted.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Joseph S. Clarke, } Primaries. Rev. Eber Carpenter, } Substitutes.
Rev. William A. Hawley, } Rev. Tertius S. Clark, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, } Primaries. Rev. A. C. Baldwin, } Substitutes.
Rev. Ely Moody, } Rev. William Tyler, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Daniel O. Morton, } Primaries. Rev. Alexander Lovell, } Substitutes.
Rev. Moses Miller, } Rev. Burr Baldwin, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Leonard Luce, } Primaries. Rev. George Fisher, } Substitutes.
Rev. S. G. Buckingham, } Rev. H. Bardwell, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. James R. Cushing, } Primaries. Rev. Gardner B. Perry, } Substitutes.
Rev. Benjamin Wood, } Rev. David A. Grosvenor, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, } Primaries. Rev. U. C. Burnap, } Substitutes.
Rev. Lucius Hyde, } Rev. John Wilder, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, } Primaries. Rev. Warren Fay, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. Milton Braman, } Rev. C. M. Nichols, }

The auditing committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

"The auditing committee on the Treasurer's account report that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find the amount of debt due from the Association to be $147,91, and the amount of credit to be $137,55, leaving a balance against the treasury of $10,36, which will be materially dimin-

ished by the tax of the Worcester Central Association, from which nothing for the present year has been received.

Your committee recommend that the annual tax for the next year be fifty cents.

All which is respectfully submitted."

A communication was received from an Assembly organized in Ranstead Court, Philadelphia, May 17, 1838, signed by John McDowell, stated clerk, through its delegate, J. H. Church, D. D., which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Fay, D. D., Reid, N. Adams, Albro, and Hawley.

The committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

"The committee appointed to consider a complaint to this Association, from an Assembly organized as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ranstead Court, Philadelphia, May 17, 1838, and signed by John McDowell, stated clerk, report—

That it does not appear that this Association has ever made any stipulation or agreement with any ecclesiastical body, which implied jurisdiction in such a case, and that as a General Association of Congregational Ministers we disclaim all such jurisdiction."

Rev. Mr. Greenleaf was heard in behalf of the American Seamen's Friend Society. Whereupon voted,

That the cause of seamen generally be recommended to the prayerful consideration of individual Christians and of the churches connected with this body, and that it be recommended to the several district Associations and to the churches to adopt such measures as they may think best calculated to advance this cause and to secure for it a share in the charities of the people.

Rev. Seth Bliss was heard in behalf of the American Tract Society. Whereupon voted,

That it be recommended to the pastors and churches in connection with this body to supply every accessible family in their respective towns, with the standard evangelical volumes of the American Tract Society, and also to aid the Society in supplying every accessible family in the country with these volumes.

Frederick A. Packard, Esq. was heard in behalf of the American Sunday School Union, and the Rev. Mr. Bullard in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Rev. Mr. Brigham was heard in behalf of the American Bible Society.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon, the Moderator, was excused from further attendance, and Rev. Dr. Snell appointed Moderator in his stead.

Rev. Mr. Baird was heard respecting the State of Religion in France, and other countries in Europe, and respecting the objects of the Foreign Evangelical Association. Whereupon it was resolved—

"That the Association having heard a statement, from the Rev. Mr. Baird, late from Paris, of the state and prospects of Evangelical Religion in Europe and particularly in France, and of the objects of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

In their opinion this subject deserves the particular attention of Christians generally, and the Association would therefore recommend the objects of the Foreign Evangelical Society to the consideration and cordial support of the churches.

Voted to adjourn to the public exercises at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Perkins, of Royalston, preached from Matthew 5: 14. "Ye are the light of the world." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Rev. Mr. Holmes, and to the families in this town to whom the Association are indebted for their hospitable reception, and also to the Choir of Singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, That these minutes be adopted as a true record of the doings of the Association, and be printed under the direction of the publishing committee.

After singing the doxology, and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned sine die.

THOMAS SNELL, *Moderator.*

JOHN S. C. ABBOTT, *Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In looking over the history of our churches the past year we discover much to cheer our hearts, and encourage our efforts. The fruits of the good seed sown by our Fathers, we have been reaping. The ministry of the gospel has been well sustained, notwithstanding the great pressure of the times, and the continued calls for assistance to the numerous benevolent enterprises of the day.

We are told by nearly all the Associations connected with us that there is an increased attention to public worship, though there are numbers in every place who neglect this great duty.

We have special occasion to rejoice that so many of the churches have been visited with refreshings from the Holy Spirit. In Hampden Association, Munson, has been the scene of God's most gracious visitation. The revival there commenced in the deep mental agonies of Christians, known only to God, followed by a general awaking up of the church to the great responsibility of their profession. Seventy-four have been received into the church, now consisting of 370 members. The Academy in that town shared largely in the blessings of the Spirit. A number of pious youth in that institution, studying with a view to the ministry, have had the happiness to see nearly all their fellow students submitting to Christ. Westfield Academy has also partaken in the same divine gifts—a number of its students having become hopefully converted to God. The churches in North Wilbraham and in Springfield rejoice in the special visitations of heaven.

A more than ordinary interest has attended the ministrations of God's word in the limits of the Hampshire Central Association. Last autumn a mourning over Zion's desolations commenced in some of those churches; tokens of God's favor soon followed; and his work of grace has extended to nearly all the churches in that Association.

Other churches have sent us interesting statements of large additions to their numbers, which our limits do not permit us to particularize. In Groton the truth of God has been specially promoted; seventy-five persons giving evidence of having been renewed.

These works of grace have generally been distinguished by their stillness, rapidity and power, by a deep conviction of sin awakened under the exhibition of the genuine truths of the gospel. They have been produced under the divine blessing without the aid of itinerating evangelists, and by the instrumentality of pastoral labors, accompanied by the increased activity and diligence of professing Christians.

The churches in Andover Association have been specially blessed. The dark and portentous clouds which hung around this horizon, shutting out the genial influences of heaven, have passed away, and the sun of righteousness has shone forth with healing in his beams. In Methuen 150 are numbered among the hopeful converts.

The Theological Seminary at Andover, which at present numbers one hundred members has been in a prosperous state, the past year, both as to its religious and intellectual improvement. In the Academy in that place numbers of youth have consecrated themselves to the Lord.

During the past spring a precious revival has been enjoyed in the church in Marblehead. In the Tabernacle Church, Salem, there have been interesting cases of conversion. The prospects of religion in that city have been slowly but very perceptibly brightening, for two years past. The evangelical faith has certainly made progress. Sixty members have been received to the Fifth Church in Gloucester, as fruits of their late revival. Great prosperity has attended the church in Nantucket, it having received nearly a hundred new members the past year, and consisting now of 400 communicants, and having a Sabbath school of 600 scholars.

We thus behold a great proportion of the churches connected with us not only sustaining their usual strength, but greatly enlarged. The right hand of the Lord is exalted and doeth val-

iantly. Fears in times past have been entertained, that our churches founded by our pious ancestors were on the decline, and that they would be undermined by scepticism or a spurious system of religion; but existing facts show that the latter is comparatively declining, and that an honest examination of the scriptures usually exposes its falsity.

The present harmony of the churches, the spirit of strife and contention scarcely existing, and rarely requiring councils to settle questions of difficulty, calls for gratitude to the Prince of peace, and betokens good for the future, for where peace prevails, the visitations of the Spirit are the more frequent and longer continued.

The cause of Temperance, gathering strength by taking a deeper hold of the civil, as well as moral interests of the community, gives us cause for rejoicing, since we may hope for the salvation of thousands of whom we must have otherwise despaired.

A continued sympathy for the oppressed, and especially the enslaved, is manifest in our churches, prompting untiring efforts for their deliverance.

The spirit of benevolence has not abated, but is still witnessed in the continued, and in many places, increased support rendered to benevolent enterprizes. Multitudes are learning how blessed it is to give as well as to receive. Streams running shallow have been swelled to overflowing. Many feeble churches have the past year been strengthened; and new churches in some places gathered.

All this may be the bright side of the picture. Evils indeed exist that are appalling, requiring the increased watchfulness and zeal of the professed friends of Christ. We might specify the apathy and worldly spirit in many of the churches, the want of fervent prayer, a neglect of personal and individual effort for the conversion of sinners, as not among the least to be lamented and avoided. Open faults sooner work their cure. These becoming gradually common eat like a canker and destroy the beauty and power of our religion. We will not disguise it, that there is not among the brethren generally, and perhaps not among the ministers, that deep and abiding sense of personal responsibility, and of the worth of souls which we ought to feel. Amid the multiplicity of our benevolent objects and enterprises, we are not sufficiently mindful that sinners at our own door are ready to perish.

In the reports from nearly all the Associations, it is witnessed that the Sabbath school institution is in successful operation, sending forth its fruits, and like a well, the more its waters are drawn, the more there is running into it. Sabbath schools yet in their infancy having accomplished such happy results, who can calculate the immense good they will effect, when they shall have become much more improved, and have developed their power on two or three more generations that shall arise.

This retrospective view makes it apparent that the past year has been more distinguished by the effusions of the Spirit than the preceding year, and excites hope that through the increased efforts of God's people, he will arise nnd have mercy upon Zion.

We have been greeted by several brethren from other parts of Christ's vineyard. From the Presbyterian church, that large portion of our Israel, we hear of a spirit of disunion, and great agitation, and yet we are also assured that there is among her people extensively a redeeming spirit. In the western states, where a new world is opened, Christ's church is greatly blessed. Its progress is characterized by the absence of fanaticism. The order prevailing in those regions, peopled principally from the land of the pilgrims, is not inferior to what prevails in New England. These facts should encourage us to send more of our money and men to plant new churches in the west. The desire is strong in the Presbyterian church to keep up a correspondence with us. Let nothing break the golden chain which binds together the several departments of Christ's kingdom in this land.

From Vermont we are told that the cause of the Congregational churches, like the pillar of the cloud, has a bright as well as a dark side; that its two hundred churches represented here are scattered in its fertile vales and rural scenery, sending, like its pure mountain streams, their sweet influences through their wide territory. Both their colleges are flourishing, and are hastening laborers for the destitutions which still exist.

Very cheering intelligence from the 120 Congregational ministers, and their 155 churches, in New Hampshire, is brought to us. Many revivals have been enjoyed among them, which have been promoted by the ordinary means of the ministry, on which God through succeeding ages has bestowed his approbation.

From churches in Rhode Island also, we hear encouraging tidings. They send us their cordial love, wishing stronger efforts to give efficiency to the Congregational ministry. The work of the Lord thus abounds; and in walking about Zion, numbering her towers and palaces, we will declare to generations that follow us, that her God is our God forever—that he will think upon us for good, and come and save us.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

ENOCH SANFORD, *Chairman.*

Adopted by the body.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the Churches under their care:—

Beloved Brethren and Friends,—

According to our annual custom, we would address you "a word of exhortation." Although such addresses may be but little appreciated by some, yet we trust that there are many among you, who will not turn a deaf ear to the voice of fathers and brethren, while in love they would speak to you of "the things which accompany salvation" and the glory of Christ.

It is with somewhat of unusual interest that we address you at this time. Assembled within the bounds of the "Old Colony," we are impressively reminded of our relation to the Pilgrims. The terrible scenes of their first winter now rise before us in thrilling contrast with this delightful season and this "goodly heritage." How great the change! Standing here in our present position, and looking back on the past, we involuntarily exclaim, "Truly this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

In that little band of colonists there were men of strong faith and lofty aspirations. But not one of them ever saw in vision such a New England as ours. Neither history nor prophecy could have led them to anticipate the momentous disclosures, which have come forth from the opening seals of providence, and have so signally demonstrated the purity of their principles and the wisdom of their institutions. Little indeed could it have been imagined, that "their line" would so soon "go out into all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

We cannot forbear an expression of devout gratitude, that the churches under our pastoral charge, are none other than the legitimate progeny of those, which were the earliest planted upon this consecrated soil. In the articles of our faith, and in the mode of our organization and discipline, it is our privilege to avow a steadfast adherence to the confession and the platform of the founders of this ancient commonwealth. And as we can conceive of no more appropriate tribute to their memory, than a sincere endeavor to perpetuate those principles and institutions, to which under God we are so highly indebted,—you will permit us at this time "to stir you up, by putting you in remembrance" of some of the important considerations, which are connected with our origin and history.

You are aware, that the settlement of New England was an enterprise as strictly religious and evangelical, as in the nature of the case was practicable. The men who embarked in it were men of God, who while they sought an earthly country, "desired a better, that is, an heavenly." In the words of one, who knew whereof he affirmed, "There never was, perhaps, before seen such a body of pious people together on the face of the earth. For those who came over first, came for the sake of religion, and for that pure religion, which was entirely hated by the loose and profane of the world. Their civil and ecclesiastical leaders were exemplary patterns of piety. They encouraged only the virtuous to come with and follow them. They were so strict on the vicious, both in church and state, that the incorrigible could not endure to live in the land, and went back again."

When oppressed beyond endurance in the country of their birth, the fathers anxiously looked abroad for a place of sojourn, where they might enjoy the ministrations of the gospel, in more exact conformity to the model of the primitive churches, and educate their children with the least exposure to the artifices and contaminations of error and ungodliness. They fervently desired to ADVANCE THE REFORMATION.

Despairing at last of the old world, they sought an asylum in the new. Such, in a word, were their motives in coming hither, such their plans of proceeding, such their privations, toils, and sufferings; and such have been the results, that the history of New England can hardly be read too often, or its moral lessons be too earnestly inculcated. It is full of instruction to the world at large; but especially to the church. When properly written, it is scarcely less ecclesiastical than that of the

Jews. Now as it was the will of God that the children of his chosen people should never be suffered to be ignorant or unmindful of "what work he did in the times of old," is it not to be inferred, that we, for whom he has done such wondrous things, shall be greatly deficient in duty, if we neglect to teach our children, and "the stranger that is within our gates," the loving-kindness and faithfulness of Him in whom our fathers trusted, and who, in the constant guardianship of his providence, has blessed this people "from their beginning hitherto?"

The fathers were "men of like passions" and infirmities with others. We are not to revere them, as if they "had already attained or were already perfect." It may not be presumption to believe that "God has provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Still, in regard to the doctrines which they held to be "the truth as it is in Jesus," the mode of discipline most congenial to the liberty wherewith the Son of God makes free, and the grand principles of holy living and dying, we have not the slightest occasion to depart from the truly Scriptural and Christian model, which they have bequeathed us as their most precious legacy. Their faith was that of the Reformers, and of the primitive disciples,—"the faith once *(once for all)* delivered to the saints." As "Jesus Christ, the end of our conversation," is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," so also is the gospel, which he sealed with the blood of his atonement. It is "the EVERLASTING gospel." Under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, renewed minds may continually grow in knowledge of "God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." More and more light may break forth from the inspired word, illustrative of "the unsearchable riches" of Him, in whom "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." But in its radical principle, and in its mighty power unto salvation, the doctrine of Christ and him crucified,—will remain the same, from age to age, until "he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe."

There may be "oppositions of science falsely so called;" there may be efforts to make "a prey of you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men; after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ;" there may be "perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, supposing gain to be godliness;" "false apostles," "deceitful workers" may "show great signs and wonders, so that if it were possible, they would deceive the very elect;" and there

may be "scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" But beloved brethren, let none of these things move you from "the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

In the use of means for the furtherance of the gospel, our pious ancestors exhibited enlightened and exalted views of duty and privilege. Aware of the will of God in the plan of redemption, they remembered the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; they reverenced the sanctuary; they sought out spiritual shepherds, who would feed them with knowledge and understanding; they founded schools and colleges, that all might be able to search the Scriptures, and that the pulpit might not be dishonored by an illiterate ministry; they conscientiously maintained the stated worship of God in their families, and diligently taught their children the fear of the Lord; they publicly recognized their dependence upon the Father of mercies, by regular and special seasons of fasting and thanksgiving; and by various other modes of Christian exertion they endeavored to become "in deed and in truth," "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people."

As they placed their supreme reliance upon the Spirit of the Lord, a season of revival was to them the richest of all divine benefactions. An effusion of the Holy Ghost upon the early colonial churches, often cheered and sustained hearts, which might otherwise have desponded and despaired. We can only allude to this interesting fact of their history. And bare allusion will suffice for their exemplary efforts to spread the gospel among the heathen that were round about them.

The benign results of the course pursued by the fathers are so palpable, that he who runneth may read. All which strikingly characterizes New England—all which constitutes its peculiar glory,—must be regarded as the legitimate fruit of the evangelical piety, which they so assiduously cultivated. Surely, then, if we are grateful for our inheritance, and would transmit it unimpaired to our posterity, we shall strive to "be followers of Christ as we have them for an example." We shall not suffer ourselves to be "given to change" or to be as "clouds that are carried with a tempest." In all cases of doubtful or difficult decision, we shall prefer to "stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

It is not to be denied, that in some respects we as a people have greatly degenerated. In others, we have greatly advanced. There has been an alarming increase of error and immorality. The strength of the American church is deplorably weakened by conflicting opinions and measures. They that "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," have painful occasion "to weep in secret places." Yet, beloved brethren, when we take a broader and more impartial view of our condition and prospects, we shall find ample reason to "thank God and take courage. Far be it from us to speak in disheartening terms, when we see so much proof of agreement among professed Christians in essential points of faith; when so numerous and efficacious instrumentalities and means are responding to the extraordinary demands of our country and of the world upon the piety and the property of the church; and when, especially the Spirit of God is so extensively poured out upon us, and converts to righteousness are so rapidly multiplying.

But, brethren, we need not remind you, that all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, have "a great work" to do, and that "the time is short." Are there not some among you, who are imitating the "wicked and slothful servant?" In a day like this, when so much is attempted by associated action, individuals are liable to do far less *personally*, than is required of them by the spirit, precepts, and example of Christ. Let no one regard the activity and zeal of others, as a license or an apology for his own indolence or irresolution. We exhort you to give liberally of your substance, in support of benevolent enterprises, domestic and foreign; but we must add a solemn warning, lest any of you think that by his gifts he may purchase an exemption from the more self-denying duties, which he is bound to perform in his own person. If a man be not himself an "epistle of Christ" to "them that are ready to perish;" if he does not himself "speak unto his neighbor, saying, know the Lord;" "how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

That private Christians, as well as public teachers, "may be thoroughly furnished to all good works," it is necessary to "search the Scriptures daily," and to "give attendance to reading." The desire of hearing is often, we fear, indulged at too great expense. It has induced a neglect of that kind of reading which invigorates while it replenishes the mind, and purifies while it warms and moves the heart. We have therefore noticed with much pleasure the efforts of the American Tract Society to circulate standard works of practical religion. We

most cordially commend those volumes to your attention, as eminently suited to promote your growth in grace, and to qualify you for intelligent, energetic, and persevering service in the cause of righteousness. Every Christian should be "able by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince gainsayers." And no one is excusable, who is not "always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is within you, with meekness and fear."

We who address you, brethren, would humbly trust, that we are in some measure sensible of our own responsibilities. We are conscious of many infirmities and of great imperfections. Our temptations are neither few nor small. Some of us may have special reason to tremble, lest after having preached the gospel to others, we ourselves shall be cast away. Brethren, pray for us, that we may all be good men, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and that through our instrumentality much people may be added to the Lord. We urge no other claims to your prayerful sympathy, and cheering co-operation, than those which grow out of our office as servants of Jesus Christ, for your sake. What higher claims could we urge?

As the usefulness of a pastor materially depends upon the members of his church, it is extremely painful to our feelings, whenever we perceive a disposition to walk disorderly, or to indulge in a spirit like that which wrought such evil in the primitive churches of Corinth and Galatia. You will suffer us to say, that the manner in which some members of churches speak of ministers of the Lord in presence of one another, and also of them that are without, is more destructive to the interests of the Saviour's kingdom, than are the most wanton and blasphemous assaults of the open enemies of the cross." Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you; let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Our hearts have been gladdened and melted at this meeting, by what we have been permitted to hear of the movements of the Spirit in our churches. Why should the work of the Lord cease, where now it exists? Surely not because there are no more sinners to be converted, or because the resources of divine grace are exhausted. And why may not the Lord's work be revived in those places, where now few if any inquire, what

they must do to be saved? Not because the Lord's hand is shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Brethren of the churches, that have not been refreshed in these days of mercy, can you remain at ease and in quiet? Will not the blood of souls be required at your hands? How will you appear at the judgment seat of Christ? O arise from your guilty slumbers. Your duty and your encouragement to its performance, are written in characters of light by the finger of God, in his word and in his providence. "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he shall come and rain righteousness upon you."

The occasion will not allow us to say more. What we have said, however, we trust you will receive as the words of those who watch for souls as they that must give account. We have one master and one hope of our calling. While life continues, we desire to labor and pray, that ye all "may be found by him in peace, without spot and blameless." "The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that he died for all, that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but to him who died for them and rose again." "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in God that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

Cr.

June 29, 1837. By balance in the Treasury,		$9 05
" 1838. Received from District Associations, as follows, viz.		
Berkshire Association,	7 50	
Franklin,	8 00	
Hampshire Central,	9 00	
Hampden,	10 00	
Brookfield,	8 00	
Harmony,	5 00	
Worcester Central,	0 00	
Worcester North,	4 00	
Middlesex Union,	7 00	
Middlesex South,	5 00	
Woburn,	3 50	
Andover,	4 50	
Essex North,	7 50	
Salem and Vicinity,	10 00	
Suffolk North,	4 00	
Suffolk South,	5 50	
Norfolk,	9 00	
Taunton,	7 50	
Old Colony,	4 50	
Pilgrim,	2 50	
Brewster,	3 50	
Vineyard Sound,*	3 00	137 55

Contra, Dr.

June 20, 1837. To transportation of publications sent to General Association of Massachusetts,		37
Nov. 23. To postage,		20
May 28, 1838. To postage,		30
June 27. To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, for printing 900 copies of Minutes of 1837, etc.	130 50	
To travelling expense of Secretary to New Bedford,	16 54	147 91
Deficiency in Treasury,		10 36

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

SILAS AIKEN, JOHN R. ADAMS, } *Auditing Committee.*

New Bedford, June 23, 1838.

*Vineyard Sound was last year credited 50 cents instead of $5 00, by mistake in printing. The footing was correct.

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1838.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Bible Class
Adams North,*	Ebenezer Russell,	1836	45	88	133										150
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	32	113	145	3	0	3	2	3	0	5		4	140
Dalton,	Harper Boice,	June 17, 1835	49	89	138	2	7	9	2	7	1	10	0	2	130
Egremont,*	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	19	41	60										130
Florida,															
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	41	134	175	0	10	10	3	7	1	11			100
Hinsdale,	William A. Hawley,	July 16, 1317	41	89	130	5	11	16	3	2	0	5		6	200
Lanesborough,*	R. S. Cook,	Jan. 13, 1837	38	73	111										80
Lee,	J. N. Danforth,	June 18, 1834			393	0	14	14	7	13		20			345
Lenox,	Samuel Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	132	207	339	1	1	2	7	9	0	16		11	207
Mt. Washington,*			4	10	14										30
New Marlborough, N.*	Vacant,		55	119	174										125
" S.*	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	19	48	67										74
Otis,	Vacant,		46	76	122										60
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	88	121	209					3		3		2	300
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	144	291	435	35	9	44	7	23	1	31	11	13	366
Richmond,*			54	108	162										120
Sandisfield,	Platt T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	53	147	200	2	8	10	1	0	0	1	1	15	230
Savoy,*															
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	53	177	230	2	1	3	6	11	1	18	1	3	440
Stockbridge,	Tertius S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	65	149	214	2	6	8	3	6		9		3	256
" Curtisville,	Vacant,		71	120	191										160
Tyringham,	Alvah C. Page,	April 26, 1837	46	84	130	0	5	5	2	3	0	5		1	60
Washington,*	Vacant,		21	43	64										50
West Stockbridge,*	Vacant,		44	82	126										115
" Village,*	Vacant,		12	22	34										27
Williamstown,*	Albert Smith,	Feb. 11, 1836	192	262	454										270
" South,*															
" College,*			33		33										50
Windsor, 1st,	Philetus Clark,	Sept. 30, 1835	26	51	77	0	4	4	3	2	0	5		4	100
" d2,	Vacant,		12	20	32					1		1		6	200
Total, 31	18		1425	2774	4592	52	76	128	46	95	4	145	13	69	4335

*Not reported this year.

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers	Settled.	Churches Jan 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Amherst, 1st,	Josiah Bent,	April 19, 1837	67	128	195	7	15	22	5	20	0	25	3	14	300
" 2d,	Nathan Perkins,	Oct. 10, 1810	67	131	208	0	3	3	2	4	0	6		5	160
" North,*	Vacant,		43	74	117										215
" South,	Gideon Dana,	Jan. 3, 1838	39	60	99	2	1	3	2	1	0	3			126
" College,*	Heman Humphrey,	Feb. 28, 1823			105										
Belchertown,	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833	123	166	289	0	2	2	5	3	0	8		9	200
" Brainard Chh.*	Vacant,				106										
Chester,					190										275
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 18, 1835	32	84	116	8	7	15	5	1	0	6	9	0	202
Cummington,*	Vacant,				114										50
East Hampton,	Payson Williston, William Bement, Joshua Crosby,	Aug. 13, 1789 Oct. 16, 1833	66	148	214	3	2	5	4	4	0	8	2	12	260
Enfield,*	John Whiton,	Sept. 13, 1837			256										
Goshen,	John C. Thompson,	Oct. 4, 1837	32	71	103	0	7	7	1	0	0	1		3	100
Granby, East,	Eli Moody,	Oct. 5, 1836	108	170	278	1	10	11	1	10	0	11		15	300
" West,*	Vacant,		54	92	146										125
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	35	80	115	0	2	2	3	6	0	9	1		150
Hadley,	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1231	123	211	334	6	4	10	4	8	0	12		18	280
" Upper Mills,*	Ebenezer Brown,	April 8, 1835	17	33	50										100
Hatfield,*	Vacant,				137										250
Leverett,*	Vacant,				85										90
Middlefield,	John H. Bisbee,	Feb. 20, 1834	39	71	110	10	3	13	0	8	0	8	4	7	140
Northampton,*	Charles E. Wiley,	Nov. 8, 1837			600										500
" Edwards,	John Mitchell,	Dec. 8, 1836			124										300
Norwich,*					145										100
Pelham,	Luke Spofford,	Stated supply,	4	29	33	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	19	50
Plainfield,	Dana Goodsell,	Sept. 27, 1837			150	3	4	7	3	0	0	3	2	2	130
Prescott,*	Job Cushman,	Oct. 18, 1835			108										100
South Hadley,*	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835			176										275
" Canal,*	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832			73										140
Southampton,*	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832			406										475
West Hampton,*	Amos Drury,	June 29, 1837			188										150
Whately,	John Ferguson,	March 16, 1836	73	115	188	1	2	3	5	2	0	7	1	3	200
Williamsburgh,	William Lusk,	Jan. 19, 1836	49	126	175	0	2	2	4	2	2	8		2	350
Worthington,	Henry Adams,	Dec. 25, 1833			184	19	8	27	3	10	0	13	4	8	280
Total, 34	28		971	1789	5917	68	77	145	47	79	2	128	28	117	6423

*Not reported this year.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis.	Excom	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	51	123	174	20	10	30	3	9	0	12	12	11	160
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	44	102	146	1	1	2	6	3	0	9		3	120
" Middle,*	Henry Eddy,	Feb. 16, 1836	43	55	98										100
Longmeadow,	Hubbard Beebe,	Oct. 18, 1837	50	96	146	1	1	2	2	9	0	11	0	4	120
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	42	72	114	0	2	2	2	3	1	6	0	4	150
Ludlow,*	Vacant,		53	101	159										110
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	129	241	370	0	2	2	1	11	0	12	0	2	413
Montgomery,	Caleb Knight,	June 22, 1836	16	55	71	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	1	73
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 12, 1832	57	137	194				3	4	0	7		12	200
Russell,*	Vacant,		7	17	24										30
Southwick,*	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838			71										50
Springfield, 1st Society,	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	547		547	4	15	19	3	9	0	12	1	20	550
" 2d "	E. B. Wright,	Oct. 7, 1835	23	48	71	0	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	2	90
" Hill,	A. C. Baldwin,	Dec. 4, 1833	47	84	131	0	27	27	0	12	0	12	0	4	175
" Chickopee,	Dorus Clark,	March 4, 1835	24	74	98	3	15	18	1	9	0	10	1	3	212
" Cabotville,*	Sumner G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	12	26	38										100
Tolland,*	Vacant,		20	30	50										60
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp, / Emerson Davis,	Nov. 16, 1803 / June 1, 1836	100	255	355	18	9	27	4	12	0	16	8	21	300
West Springfield,	Vacant,		51	143	194										300
" Ireland,	Hervey Smith,	1833	25	65	90										120
" Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	66	87	153	1	7	8	4	3	0	8	1	5	100
" Feeding Hills,*	Calvin Foote,	Dec. 23, 1836	30	61	91										50
Wilbraham, North,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	40	90	130	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	130
" South,	Vacant,		42	37	129										100
Total, 24	21		977	1999	3644	49	97	146	31	90	2	123	24	94	3813

*Not reported this year.

Without Pastoral Charge.—David R. Austin, Monson.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Ashfield,	Burr Baldwin,	April 20, 1836	101	178	279	3	4	7	4	7	0	11	0	5	350
Bernardston,*	Bancroft Fowler,	Dec. 21, 1836	9	16	25										53
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	52	122	174	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	1	6	
Charlemont,	Stephen T. Allen,	April 18, 1838	48	87	135	0	9	9	3	4	0	7	0	6	135
Colerain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	30	75	105	0	6	6	2	5	0	7	0	1	80
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	73	213	286	7	8	15	4	9		13		17	330
Deerfield,	Pomroy Belden,	Stated supply.	8	39	47	9	11	20	1	2	0	3	1	1	70
Erving's Grant,	Vacant,		7	15	22	6	5	11	1	26	1	28	1	1	38
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Stated supply.	20	51	71	11	5	16	3	4	0	7	3	0	160
Greenfield,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	13	37	50	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	75
" 2d par.	Samuel Washburn,	Aug. 2, 1837	31	76	107										115
Hawley, East,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834	81	109	190	0	1	1	4	12	0	16			140
" West,	Theop. Packard, Jr.	Stated supply.	26	35	61	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	70
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804	51	100	151	5	3	8	1	7	0	8	2	6	510
Montague,	Vacant,		23	40	63	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	2	60
New Salem,	Erastus Curtiss,	Oct. 23, 1834	33	79	112				1	16		17		2	111
Northfield,	J. H. Lombard,	July 20, 1836	20	56	76	7	3	10	2	2		4	2	5	100
Orange,	Vacant, Organized Oct. 13, 1837		16	13	29	0	3	3	0	0	0		0	0	50
Rowe,	Andrew Govan,	Stated supply.	7	13	20				1	1	0	2	0	1	60
Shelburne,	Theop. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	Theop. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	58	111	169	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	12	225
South Deerfield,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	35	71	106	3	4	7	2	7	2	11	2	6	227
Sunderland,	Solomon B. Ingram,	Dec. 28, 1836	44	82	126	5	17	22	4	6	0	10	2	9	266
Warwick,*	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	25	47	72										90
Wendell,	Salmon Bennett,	May 2, 1838	73	117	190	0	0	0	4	3	1	8	0	1	130
Total, 24	22		884	1782	2666	60	95	155	42	121	4	167	15	84	3445

*Not reported.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Bible Class
Brookfield, North,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	Jan. 27, 1798	79	156	235	44	5	49	1	5	0	6	22	12	425
" West,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	142	264	406	5	6	11	7	10	0	17	4	9	300
Brookfield,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801	31	58	89	16	4	20	1		0	1	5	1	120
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	39	103	147	2	1	3	4	5	0	9		3	275
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson, / James Kimball,	June 22, 1736 / Dec. 25, 1832	54	109	163	4	3	7	5	7	0	12	1	12	300
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	34	83	117	13	11	24	4	7	0	11	3	27	225
Sturbridge,	Joseph S. Clark,	Dec. 21, 1831	116	222	338	14	4	18	5	11	0	16	7	22	400
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	26	84	110	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	4	260
Ware Village,	J. E. Woodbridge,	1838			238		10	10		16	0	16			400
Barre,	Samuel A. Fay,	May 10, 1837	75	141	216	6	9	15	1	4	0	5	5	7	248
Hardwick,	William Eaton,	Sept. 6, 1837	50	105	155	0	10	10	1	7	0	8	1	7	150
Charlton,	Isaac R. Barbour,	Nov. 23, 1836	18	86	104	6	2	8	1	2		3	1	2	125
Dudley,	Walter Follett,	Nov. 2, 1837			200				2	2		4			170
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Nov. 1, 1838	73	160	233	7	1	8	1			1	3	7	350
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	32	85	117			12		5	1	6	7	13	172
Holland,	James Sanford,		17	44	62	1	2	3	1			1			70
Petersham, Storrsville,*	Amasa Dewey,	Jan. 11, 1837	24	60	84										200
Ware, 1st par.*	A. B. Reed,	July 19, 1826	51	114	165										196
Total, 18	19		861	1879	3179	118	68	188	37	84	1	122	64	131	4386

*Not reported,

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Douglass, 1st Ch.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	28	79	107	2	1	3	5	3	0	8	1	1	112
Grafton,*	John Wilde,	June 20, 1832			211										300
Millbury, West,*	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	74	120	194										203
Uxbridge,	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	61	195	256		2	2	3	7	2	12		8	372
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	62	166	223	3	7	10	3	4	0	7	1	9	260
Northbridge,	Charles Forbush,	June 4, 1834	38	74	112	4	4	8	2	1	0	3	1	2	135
Millville,	Kinsman Atkinson,	Stated supply.	7	21	28			3	2			2			60
Westborough,*	C. B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	100	205	305										417
Northbridge Village,*	Michael Burdett,	April 15, 1835	16	55	71										165
Slatersville, R. I.*	Seth Chapin,	Stated supply.	8	15	23										
Mendon,	Thomas Edwards,	Dec. 28, 1836	7	41	48	1	5	6						1	50
Upton,*	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796			190										200
Total, 12	12		401	971	1773	10	19	32	15	15	2	32	3	21	2174

*Not reported.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.*

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	Minor G. Pratt,	Oct. 12, 1823			405										100
Berlin,	Vacant,				80										120
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832			169										150
East Douglass,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835			66										200
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1834			430										450
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810			220										
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812			261										212
Millbury Village,	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837			150										200
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836			260										315
Paxton,	J. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835			90										150
Princeton,	Elijah Damond,	Oct. 26, 1836			100										
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818			237										375
Shrewsbury,	George Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823			140										200
West Boylston,	Brown Emerson,	Aug. 3, 1837			248										240
Worcester,	R. A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			385										300
" Calvinistic,	David Peabody,	July 15, 1835			200										235
" Union,	Vacant,				80										200
Total, 17	15				3321										3447

*Not reported this year; and some churches not for several years.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	91	216	307	7	3	10	3	7	2	12	1	5	220
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824	71	139	211	1	1	2	1	1		2	1	3	130
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	103	190	293	4	4	8	7	14	1	22	2	13	325
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	31	57	88	1	4	5	1	6	1	8		5	100
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	75	151	226	4		4	6	5		11			275
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	85	128	213	3	2	5	1	2		3		3	200
" South,	John Stone,	Stated supply. Ch. organized Feb. 1837			28	1	1	2					1		
Athol,*	Mr. Smith,	Stated supply.			122	46									200
Winchendon,	D. O. Morton,	March 2, 1836			250	67	4	50	5	6		11	4		200
Total, 9	9		456	881	1738	67	19	56	24	41	4	69	9	39	1905

*Not reported.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Acton,	James T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	68	132	200	1	2	3	1	9	1	11	0	6	250
Ashby,	Orsamus Tinker,	Jan. 1, 1834	53	111	164	12	2	14	2	3	3	8	4	6	270
Bolton,	John S. Davenport,	July 14, 1836	34	69	103	9	5	14	2	18		20	2	6	100
Boxboro',	Joseph W. Cross,	Oct. 1, 1834	24	46	70	5	4	9	2	1		3	3		160
Carlisle,*	Preserved Smith,				37										25
Dunstable,*	Levi Brigham,	Feb. 1837	25	75	100										100
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 1838	92	203	295	11	5	16	6	4		10	5		430
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	80	124	204	17	17	34	1	1		2	4	19	167
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	47	127	174	2		2	4	6	2	12	1	7	187
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	38	78	116	5	2	7	2	1	1	4		13	275
Lunenburg,	Eli W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	11	29	40	7	2	9	1			1			100
Pepperell,	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	157	248	405	24	13	37	5	12		17	13	9	425
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	19	51	70	2		2		1		1	1	9	100
Townsend,	David Stowell,	June 28, 1837	106	201	307	10		10	2	5		7	4	12	300
Westford,*	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	48	106	124										225
Total, 15	15		302	1600	2439	105	52	157	28	61	7	96	57	84	3015

*Not reported.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Northboro',	Daniel H. Emerson,	Oct. 19, 1836			50										150
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	25	78	103				2	1		3		3	140
Concord,	John Wilder,	Aug. 7, 1833	21	65	86	8	7	15	2	3		5	7	6	135
Framingham,	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	53	230	283	6	3	9	5	1		6	1	17	204
Hopkinton,	Vacant,		39	95	134	3		3	3	5	2	10	2	11	240
Holliston,	John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	53	128	181	3	7	5	5	2	1	8	6	14	300
Sherburne,	D. T. Smith,	Dec. 7, 1836	60	118	178	20	5	25	2	4		6	9	6	160
West Needham,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	25	80	105	21	1	22	2	3		5	13	16	190
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	55	122	177	60	3	63	1			1			110
Wayland,	Lavius Hyde,	July 22, 1835	15	62	77	6	1	7	1			1		5	75
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	7	31	38		6	6							120
Natick,*	Vacant,		59	111	170										130
Southboro,*	Jacob Cummings,	March 1, 1838	33	73	106										260
Sudbury,*	William Allen,		37	103	140										200
Unionville,*	James M'Intire,														
Marlborough,*	John N. Goodhue,	May 4, 1836	34	75	109										295
Total, 16	14		516	1371	1937	132	33	165	23	19	3	45	38	78	2759

*Not reported.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	April 1814	18	45	63	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60
Tewksbury,	G. Coggin,	Oct. 1806	54	130	184	2	1	3	3	4	7	14	0	4	210
Woburn,	G. Bennett,	Jan. 1822	211	401	612	5	5	10	6	6	1	13	1	16	810
Reading,*	A. Pickett,	Sept. 1832	100	140	240										300
Bedford,	Jona. Leavitt,	Feb. 4, 1837			130	9	12	21							
Billerica,	Joseph Haven,				51	3	4	7							
Wilmington,*	Francis Norwood,														
South Reading,*	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,*	Vacant,														
Total, 9	8		383	716	1280	19	22	40	10	11	8	29	1	20	1380

*Not reported.

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled	Churches Jan. 1, 1838			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Andover, South Par.	L. L. Langstroth,	May 11, 1836	159	351	510	6	10	16	3	13		16	1	14	450
" West "	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	57	127	184		5	5	3	5	1	9		14	200
" North "	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	14	51	65	7	4	11	3		3	6	5	7	115
" Chapel Chh.	Justin Edwards, D. D.	Sept. 1836			93	2	31	33					1	3	100
Lowell, 1st Cong. Chh,	A. Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	86	637	723	24	26	50	5	39		44	14	6	713
" 2d "	U. C. Burnap,	July 6. 1837	72	389	461	20	27	47	2	17	2	21	20		317
Dracut, West Chh.	Tobias Pinkham,	May 18, 1836	16	58	74		1	1	1	2		3		2	125
" Ev. Chh.*	Vacant,		34	104	138										
Methuen, 1st Con. Chh.	S. G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832			200	38	6	44	6			6	15	8	300
Reading, N. Par.	John Orcutt,	July 12, 1837	19	47	66				4			4		1	100
Boxford,*	W. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	9	42	51										75
Chelmsford,*	Vacant,				52										
Total, 12	10		466	1806	2617	97	110	207	27	76	6	109	76	55	2995

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ralph Emerson, D. D., Bela B. Edwards.

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Communicants Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Amesbury, West,	L. W. Clark,	Nov. 1, 1837			160	0	3	3							170
" Mills,	S. H. Keeler,	Dec. 7, 1836	52	112	164	48	18	66	2	9	0	11	32	5	175
Amesbury & Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	17	50	67	17	4	21					15	1	135
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	31	87	118	0	2	2	8	6	1	15		12	255
" East,*	Gardiner B. Perry,	Sept. 23, 1814			192										270
Byfield Parish,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	47	103	150	6	0	6	3	3	0	6	5	4	240
Haverhill,	Mr. Martyn,	1838	33	83	116	0	5	5	0	1	0	1			180
" North,*	S. H. Peckham,	Feb. 23, 1831			41										46
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	13	31	44				2	1	0	3			35
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	36	79	115	10	2	12	1	1	0	2	9	1	135
Ipswich,	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 3, 1806	52	145	197	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	1	6	200
Linebrook,*	Vacant,														
Newbury,	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	177	237				3	0	0	3			200
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	49	96	145	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	4	130
" Lower Green,*	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. Chh.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	70	280	350										280
" Temple-st. "	Randolph Campbell,	Oct. 19, 1837	63	119	187										
Rowley, 1st par.	W. Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	35	64	99				2	4	0	6			160
" 2d "	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	55	76	131	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	5	300
Salisbury, R. Hill,	Benjamin Sawyer,	Stated supply.			43										70
W. Newbury, East,	Vacant,				101										140
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	59	126	185	2	1	3	6	3	1	10	2	2	150
Total, 22	19		677	1628	2845	90	37	127	33	32	2	67	66	40	3321

*Not reported.

SALEM AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Beverly, 3d Chh.*	J. Abbott,				26	1	0	1	1	0	0	1			40
" 4th "	John Foote,	Stated supply.													
" Washington-st.	William Bushnell,	Jan. 3, 1838	22	70	92	0	2	2	1	0	0	1			
Danvers, North,	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	55	139	194	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	11	200
" South,	H. G. Park,	Feb. 1, 1837	25	144	169	9	5	14	1	2	0	3	2	14	225
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	33	81	114	1	2	3						2	150
Gloucester, 5th Chh.	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	99	135	234	52	2	54	3	4	0	7	20	58	330
" Evan. "	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	11	65	76	10	11	21	0	7	1	8	5	3	275
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	27	86	113	0	1	1	0	0	1	1		3	125
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	33	116	149	5	5	10	5	0	0	5	2	6	200
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	33	106	144	4	11	15	3	0	1	4		8	200
Lynnfield,*	Henry S. Green,	Dec. 27, 1837													
Manchester,	S. M. Emerson,	Sept. 12, 1820	35	165	200	3	0	3	6	0	1	7		3	300
Marblehead.	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	60	250	310	4	1	5	10	2	1	13	2	31	205
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	39	31	120	1	1	2	1	0	0	1		9	200
Salem, Tabernacle Ch.	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	92	295	387	8	5	13	14	13	1	28	3	18	480
" 3d Cong. "	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	56	256	312	1	2	3	0	3	0	3		6	330
" Howard-st. "	C. F. Torrey,	Jan. 4, 1838	33	86	124	3	0	3	1	5	0	6		5	168
" Crombie-st. "	A. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	44	154	198	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	1	12	180
Saugus,	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	7	16	23	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	1		66
Topsfield,	J. F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	45	117	162				2	2	2	6		4	100
Wenham,	Daniel Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	34	67	101				2	1	1	4		2	175
Total, 22	22		793	2479	3298	105	50	155	53	47	10	110	37	195	3919

*Not reported.

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	
Boston, Green-st.	Wm. Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	35	171	206	2	3	5	0	3	1	4	2	6	145
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 23, 1836	104	396	400	7	10	17	5	7	0	12	0	17	100
" Salem-st.*	J. H. Towne,	June 2, 1837			331										300
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	202	354	556	40	12	52	4	8	0	12	25	32	250
" Franklin-st.	Wm. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	60	91	151	14	12	26	2	17	0	19	3	13	98
" East Boston,*	Wm. W. Newell,	July 19, 1837						12							
Cambridge,	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	37	94	131	7	5	19	2	2	0	4	5	2	165
" Port,	Wm. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831			154			14				5			135
Charlestown,	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	53	251	304	4	10	52	10	5	1	16	3	6	623
" Winthrop,	Daniel Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	60	113	173	22	30	1	4	5	0	9	10	14	250
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	17	54	71	1	0	4	0	2	0	2		1	50
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	44	79	123				4	6	0	10	6		180
Newton,	J. Homer, D. D.	Feb. 13, 1782													
	James Bates,	Nov. 14, 1827	55	162	217				3	15	5	23		7	120
" 2d,*	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1838			90										75
Waltham,*	J. Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1837			131										120
Total, 15	16		667	1765	3038	97	82	202	34	70	7	116	54	98	2611

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadley, Asa Bullard.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis	Excom	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Bible Class
Boston, Pine-st.	Artemas Boies,	Dec. 10, 1834	79	178	257	15	27	42	0	20	2	22	3	8	360
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	91	345	436	14	13	27	5	17	0	22	3	7	450
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	103	330	433	12	12	24	3	10	0	13	1	15	100
" Mariner's,	D. M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	34	40	74	5	2	7	0	1	2	3	1	5	150
" Free,	Charles Fitch,	May 25, 1836	51	76	127	22	14	36	1	3	0	4			130
" South,	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1837	50	120	170	2	11	13	2	14	2	18	0	10	125
Brighton,	Samuel Lamson,	Sept. 20, 1837	42	80	122										90
Dedham,	Eben. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	65	191	256	18	1	19	6	9	0	15	4	4	325
Roxbury,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 25, 1835	42	78	120	10	28	38	1	3	0	4	3	3	180
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	15	42	57	13	3	16	0	2	0	2	4	1	100
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	31	93	124	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	1	120
Total, 11	11		603	1573	2176	112	113	225	20	80	6	106	20	59	2130

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Cogswell, D. D., Louis Dwight, David Greene, Jacob Abbott, Stephen S. Smith.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Abington,	James W. Ward,	1834	60	88	148	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	4	5	230
Braintree,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	1811	46	137	183	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	7	140
" South,	Lyman Mathews,	Aug. 4, 1830	14	28	42	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	3	140
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	67	124	191	1	7	8	3	4	0	12		7	200
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	33	53	86	1	3	4	4	2	0	6		7	40
Canton,*	Vacant,		10	21	31										95
Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	1833			84	0	0	1	1	3	1	5		8	120
Dedham South,	Calvin Durfee,	1836			113	0	1	1	1	2	0	3		4	115
Dorchester,	John Codman, D. D.	1808	77	234	311	10	6	16	0	4	0	4		14	250
" Village,	David Sanford,	July 14, 1830	35	139	174	15	1	16	1	4	1	6	7	23	200
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	1810			140	0	4	4	0	4	0	4			120
E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	35	63	98	1	0	1	1	0	0	1			150
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	1833	14	63	77	2	0	2	5	0	0	5	1	10	60
Milton,	S. W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	24	81	105	9	3	12	2	1	0	3		3	200
Bridgewater, North	Paul Couch,	1835	86	138	224	1	1	2	11	9	0	20	1	6	450
" South,	John Dwight,	April 12, 1837	16	26	42	3	6	9	-				2		
Quincy,	Wm. M. Cornell,	1834	16	55	71	2	6	8					1	12	80
Randolph,	Calvin Hitchcock,	1821	51	75	126	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	1	3	150
" East,*	Vacant,				115										135
Sharon,	L. R. Eastman,	Nov. 15, 1837	26	75	101	0	3	3	6	3	0	9		1	130
Weymouth,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	47	133	180	1	3	4	3	0	0	3			
Total, 21	19		657	1433	2547	57	47	105	51	40	2	93	20	118	3005

*Not reported.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Attleboro',	J. Crane, Jr.	Oct. 20, 1836	50	150	200	3	6	9	3	11	1	15	2	9	200
" West,	Benj. Ober,	July 1, 1836	38	63	101	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	1	4	130
Berkley,	J. U. Parsons,	March 14, 1836			90	9	0	4	1	7	0	8	3	6	100
Dighton,*	John Shaw,				65										100
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	100	204	304	2	7	9	1	1	0	2	2	8	750
Middleborough, North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	44	94	138				1	0	0	1			100
" Assonet,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	8	30	38										90
" and Taunton Par.*	Homer Barrows,	June 1, 1836			94										100
Nantucket,	W. J. Breed,	June 10, 1835	85	315	400	60	5	65	4	3	1	8	50	35	600
Norton,	Cyrus W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	32	82	114	12	1	13	1	1	0	2	6	1	205
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	39	139	178	15	13	28	1	0	2	3	11	11	280
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	100	130				0	2	0	2			130
Rehoboth,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838			30	1	0	1	0	6	0	6			130
Scotland,	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	10	30	40	0	2	2	1	0	0	1			60
Seekonk,	J. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	26	81	107	5	0	5	0	3	0	3			110
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	67	200	267	5	9	14	4	54	0	58		5	350
" Spring-st.	S. H. Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837	22	33	55	11	0	11							100
" West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	32	102	134										160
Total, 18	18		583	1623	2535	126	43	169	19	90	4	113	72	79	3695

*Not reported.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Dartmouth,*	Vacant,				64										135
New Bedford, North,	Sylvester Holmes,	July, 1811	95	243	338	14	16	30	4	11	2	17	9	9	275
" Trinitarian,	James A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	21	56	77	0	3	3	0	1	0	1			80
" 1st chh.	Daniel C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	10	30	40	4	3	7	1	0	0	1	3	1	80
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	Jan. 1823	100	199	299	27	5	32	7	3	2	12	5	10	300
Rochester Centre,	Jona. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	30	85	115				1	0	0	1	2	2	120
" Mattapoisett,	Thomas Robbins,	Oct. 17, 1832	61	102	163	1	3	4	2	1	0	3		5	195
" Sippican,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 6, 1799	15	38	53				1	1	1	3		2	60
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	Nov. 1836	10	40	50	1	0	1							50
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 14, 1829	48	108	156				5	0	0	5		7	130
Middleboro', 1st chh.	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	52	156	208	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	1	3	
Total, 11	10		442	1057	1563	49	30	79	23	21	5	49	20	39	1425

*Not reported.

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	31	97	128				3	1		4			93
Plymouth, 2d par.	Gaius Conant,	Not associated													
" 3d par.	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837	25	81	106	8	2	10	3	3		6	3	5	120
" 4th par.	Benjamin Whitmore,	Oct. 18, 1818	52	90	142				4			4		6	105
" Robinson Soc.	Vacant,		19	61	80										
Carver,	Paul Jewett,	Oct. 5, 1836	40	80	120						1	1		1	60
Halifax,	Emerson Paine,	Stated supply,	20	40	60										45
Hanson,*	Vacant,		9	36	45										35
Kingston,*	Vacant,		13	26	39										111
Marshfield,*	Vacant,		8	20	28										30
" North,	Elbridge G. Howe,	Stated supply,	4	15	19	3		3						2	30
Total, 11	7		221	546	767	11	2	13	10	4	1	15	3	14	629

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Ethan Smith, Timothy Davis, F. V. Howland, and John Shaw.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	
Barnstable South,	William Marchant,	1835	22	31	53				1	0	0	1		3	40
" West,	Alfred Greenwood,	May 18, 1836	52	114	164	1	2	3	1	1	0	2			120
Chelmark,	Vacant,		6	19	25	4	0	4					3		
Edgartown,	James Thomas,	Stated supply.	20	80	100	3	12	15	3	2	3	8			60
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 2, 1837	33	132	270	0	1	1	6	6	1	13			270
" North,	J. Pike,	Stated supply.	25	40	65	1	0	1							50
" East,	William Harlow,	Stated supply.	25	42	67									1	
Monument,	Vacant,		11	39	50	0	2	2	1	0	0	1		6	40
Marshpee,	Phineas Fish,	Sept. 1811	2	17	19	1	0	1					1		43
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	March 31, 1831	58	116	174	1	0	1	7	1	0	8	1	5	90
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	July 19, 1835	14	31	45	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	5		30
Total, 11	9		323	711	1032	15	17	32	21	10	4	35	10	15	743

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.	Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.		
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	1832	15	73	88			2				2	6	120
Chatham,	John A. Vinton,				130									50
Dennis North,	Vacant,		7	14	21			3					3	
" South,	Vacant,		14	52	66									190
Eastham,	Philander Shaw,	1797	15	45	60									60
Harwich,	Vacant,		20	60	80			3	1	5		6	6	100
Orleans,	Stillman Pratt,	1835	37	112	149							6		130
Provincetown,	Vacant,													
Truro,	Charles Boyter,				130									130
Wellfleet,	Vacant,		56	116	172					6	3	9	5	80
" South,	S. Hardy,	1837	52	69	121			2	2			2	12	150
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822	25	125	150			10	2			2	13	150
Total, 12	7		241	666	1167			20	5	11	3	27	50	1160

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Parishes.	Ministers.	Churches Jan. 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Berkshire,	31	18	1425	2774	4592	52	76	128	46	95	4	145	13	69	4335
Hampshire,	34	28	971	1789	5917	68	77	145	47	79	2	128	28	117	6423
Hampden,	24	21	977	1799	3644	49	97	146	31	90	2	123	24	94	3813
Franklin,	24	22	884	1782	2666	60	95	155	42	121	4	167	15	84	3445
Brookfield,	18	19	861	1879	3179	118	68	188	37	81	1	122	64	131	4386
Harmony,	12	12	401	971	1773	10	19	32	15	15	2	32	3	21	2174
Worcester Central,	17	15			3321										3447
Worcester North,	9	9	456	881	1738	67	19	86	24	41	4	69	9	39	1905
Middlesex Union,	15	15	892	1600	2439	105	52	157	23	61	7	96	57	84	3015
Middlesex South,	16	14	516	1371	1937	132	33	165	23	19	3	45	38	73	2759
Woburn,	10	9	383	716	1355	14	22	41	10	11	8	29	1	20	1455
Andover,	12	10	466	1806	2617	97	110	207	27	76	6	109	76	55	2995
Essex North,	22	19	677	1628	2845	90	37	127	33	32	2	67	66	40	3321
Salem and Vicinity,	22	22	793	1479	3298	105	50	155	53	47	10	110	37	195	3919
North Suffolk,	15	16	667	1765	3038	97	82	202	34	70	7	116	54	98	2611
South Suffolk,	11	11	603	1573	2176	112	113	225	20	80	6	106	20	59	2130
Norfolk,	21	19	657	1433	2547	57	47	105	51	40	2	93	20	118	3005
Taunton and Vicinity,	18	18	583	1623	2535	126	43	169	19	90	4	113	72	79	3695
Old Colony,	11	10	442	1057	1563	49	30	79	23	21	5	49	20	39	1425
Pilgrim,	11	7	221	546	767	11	2	13	10	4	1	15	3	14	629
Vineyard Sound,	11	9	323	711	1032	15	17	32	21	10	4	35	10	15	743
Brewster,	12	7	241	666	1167			20	5	11	3	27	25	25	1160
Total, 22	376	330	13349	30849	56146	1439	1089	2577	599	1094	87	1796	655	1474	62790

REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE.

From an examination of the reports from the District Associations, it appears that a large number of said Associations approve of the plan of distributing the delegates to foreign bodies among the several Associations as equally as may be convenient; while nearly every Association disapprove the Schedule submitted with the minutes of 1837.

It appears further that a proportion of the Associations desire that a schedule, prepared on the principle of equal distribution in proportion to the number of *churches* comprised in each Association, should be adopted; and that the privilege of *nominating* the delegates should rest with the district Associations.

In accordance with this desire and the instructions we have received under our appointment, we present the schedule hereunto annexed. If it be adopted, it will devolve upon each District Association to nominate, from year to year, the delegates to which they shall severally be entitled. In forming this schedule, your Committee have proceeded upon the principle of counting the number of *churches* rather than the number of *ministers*.

From the best information they have obtained there are about 376 churches in our connection in the Commonwealth. Fourteen delegates are to be appointed annually, to seven different bodies. 376 divided by 14, gives a quotient of 27 nearly. Consequently, upon the principle of equal representation, one delegate is to be chosen annually for every 27 churches. Adopting these data as the basis of calculation, and giving the benefit of the fractions to the smaller Associations, and to no Association, however large, more than one delegate yearly, we have prepared and now present the schedule; which is extended through ten years, beginning with 1838, and which gives the following number of delegates for each Association for twenty years.

Berkshire,	20	Andover,	9
Hampshire,	20	Essex North,	17
Hampden,	18	Salem and Vicinity,	17
Franklin,	18	Suffolk North,	11
Brookfield,	14	Suffolk South,	9
Harmony,	9	Norfolk,	16
Worcester Central,	13	Taunton,	14
Worcester North,	7	Old Colony,	9
Middlesex Union,	12	Pilgrim,	9
Middlesex South,	12	Vineyard Sound,	9
Woburn,	8	Brewster,	9

If the Schedule be adopted, it will be necessary that the delegates of the present year be nominated and appointed by this General Association; and hereafter the nominations, both of primaries and substitutes, will be made by the District Associations and approved by the General Association, that the commissions may issue from this body. If in any case the District Associations fail to make their nominations, then said nominations must be made by the General Association from the proper District Associations. If this schedule be adopted, the practice of making the substitutes of one year the primaries for the next year, will cease.

SCHEDULE FOR TEN YEARS.

	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847
Berkshire,	G. A.	N. H.	R. I.	Vt.	N. Y.	Ct.	Me.	G. A.	N. H.	R. I.
Hampshire,	Ct.	R. I.	Me.	G. A.	Vt.	N. H.	N. Y.	Ct.	R. I.	Me.
Hampden,	Ct.	N. Y.	N. H.	Me.	G. A.		R. I.	Vt.	Ct.	N. Y.
Franklin,	Vt.	N. Y.	Me.		N. H.	G. A.	Ct.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.
Brookfield,	G. A.		Ct.	R. I.	Vt.		N. H.	Me.		N. Y.
Harmony,	R. I.		N. H.		Me.			Ct.		Vt.
Worcester C.	N. H.		R. I.	N. Y.		Vt.	Me.		Ct.	G. A.
Worcester N.	Vt.				N. Y.		G. A.			R. I.
Middlesex U.	N. H.		G. A.		R. I.		N. Y.	Me.		Vt.
Middlesex S.	N. Y.		Vt.		G. A.	Ct.		N. H.	Me.	
Woburn,		Vt.		N. H.			Ct.		G. A.	
Andover,	N. Y.			G. A.		R. I.		N. H.		Ct.
Essex N.	R. I.	N. H.	N. Y.		Ct.	Me.	Vt.	G. A.	R. I.	
Salem,	Me.	Ct.	G. A.		R. I.	N. Y.	N. H.	Vt.	Me.	
Suffolk N.	Me.		N. Y.		Ct.		Vt.		N. H.	G. A.
Suffolk S.		R. I.		Vt.		Me.		N. Y.		N. H.
Norfolk,		G. A.	Ct.	N. H.	Me.	Vt.	R. I.		N. Y.	N. H.
Taunton,		Me.	Vt.	N. Y.	N. H.		G. A.	R. I.		Ct.
Old Colony,		G. A.		R. I.		N. Y.			Vt.	
Pilgrim,		Vt.		Ct.		R. I.			G. A.	
Vineyard S.		Me.		Ct.		G. A.			N. Y.	
Brewster,		Ct.		Me.		N. H.		N. Y.		

It is desirable that the Associations specified, should recommend to the next General Association, delegates from their respective bodies, whether the Schedule be approved or not.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following:—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country; and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church, where the Association may convene, shall, when the hour of meeting has arrived, call the Association to the choice of a Moderator by ballot.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator next to call the Association to the choice of a Scribe, and if necessary, of an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

9. The certificates of the Delegates shall be then laid upon the table, and read by the Secretary, or Scribe. The Rules of the Association shall also be read; after which the Moderator shall open the business by prayer.

10. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

11. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

12. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

13. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

16. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

18. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

19. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

20. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

21. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, "to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit his accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations, connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it

will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Reso'ye* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

MEETINGS OF BODIES IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Connecticut—Second Tuesday in June, at Danbury.
New-York—Thursday, 23d August, Clinton, Oneida co.
Maine—Tuesday preceding 4th Wednesday of June, at ———
New Hampshire—Fourth Tuesday in August, New Ipswich.
Vermont—Second Tuesday in September, Vergennes.
Rhode-Island—Third Tuesday in June, at ———
General Assembly—Second Thursday in June, Philadelphia.

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT THEIR

SESSION IN PLYMOUTH, JUNE, 1839.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts assembled in Plymouth, in the meeting-house of the Rev. Robert B. Hall, on Tuesday, June 25, 1839, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Mr. Hall.

The Rev. John Nelson was chosen Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Crosby, Scribe, and the Rev. J. D. Condit, Assistant Scribe.

The following members presented their credentials, which were read.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. T. S. Clarke, Rev. H. N. Brinsmade,
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Nathan Perkins, Rev. Joseph D. Condit,
Hampden Association,	Rev. Samuel Backus,
Franklin Association,	Rev. Roger C. Hatch, Rev. Benj. F. Clark,
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Samuel A. Fay, Rev. William Eaton,
Harmony Association,	Rev. Charles B Kittredge, Rev. Thomas Edwards,
Worcester Central Association,	Rev. John Nelson, Rev. Brown Emerson,

Worcester North Association,	Rev. Cyrus Mann, Rev. Samuel H. Peckham,
Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. Joseph W. Cross, Rev. John H. Davenport,
Middlesex South Association,	Rev. John Storrs, Rev. J. W. Sessions,
Woburn Association,	Rev. Aaron Pickett, Rev. Jonathan Leavitt,
Andover Association,	Rev. Ralph Emerson, D.D.
Essex North Association,	Rev. John C. March, Rev. Lucius Clarke,
Salem and Vicinity Association,	Rev. Robert Crowell, Rev. Wakefield Gale,
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. William M. Rogers, Rev. Daniel Crosby,
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Daniel M. Lord, Rev. Christopher Marsh,
Norfolk Association,	Rev. A. G. Duncan, Rev. W. M. Cornell,
Taunton Association,	Rev. Orrin Fowler, Rev. Cyrus W. Allen,
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Israel W. Putnam, Rev. Daniel C. Burt,
Vineyard Association,	Rev. H. B. Hooker, Rev. Asahel Cobb,
Brewster Association,	Rev. Stillman Pratt, Rev. Solomon Hardy,
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. John Codman, D. D. Rev. Joseph S. Clarke,

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Robert B. Hall, Pastor of 3d Church, Plymouth.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies.

From the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island: The Rev. Joel Mann.

From the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Caleb Hobart.

From the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Thomas Punderson, and Rev. Roswell Whitmore.

From the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Alvan Toby.

From the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Elijah G. Babcock, and Rev. Chester Wright.

The rules of the Association were read, and the Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. Drs. Snell and Codman, and Rev. Nathan Perkins, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Marsh, and Binsmade, were appointed a Committee on elections.

Rev. Messrs. Backus, Samuel A. Fay, and D. M. Lord, were appointed a Committee to examine the decisions of the District Associations, expressed agreeably to a vote of the last General Association, on the subject of the schedule, regulating the appointment of delegates to Foreign Bodies, and also to report in general upon the method of appointing said delegates.

Rev. Messrs. Mann and Hooker were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster of Boston, be the Agents to print and circulate the Minutes of the Association.

Rev. Cyrus Mann, and Drs. Snell and Emerson, were appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the manner of organizing this Association at the commencement of its annual meetings.

After prayer by the Moderator the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning, June 26. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

The Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. was chosen Secretary of the Association for the three years next ensuing.

The Rev. Drs. Snell and Codman and Rev. Cyrus Mann, were appointed a Committee to report on the place of the next meeting of the Association.

Voted, That the Pilgrim Association be requested to appoint the Associational Preacher for the next year.

The Rev. Messrs. Bennett, Pickett, and Leavitt, of the Woburn Association, were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Address for the next year.

The Rev. Cyrus Mann, was appointed Second Preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

The Rev. Messrs. Hatch, Allen, and Fowler, were appointed a Committee on the subject of taxable members.

The Rev. Messrs. Crosby, Rogers, and Adams, were appointed a Committee of Publication.

The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Mann, R. Emerson, D. D. Hooker, Punderson, and Hobart, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion.

A communication from the Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D. of Brooklyn, N. Y. was read and referred to Rev. Drs. Codman and Emerson, and Rev. Horatio N. Brinsmade.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Appointments to Foreign Bodies made a report; whereupon it was voted that the subject be indefinitely postponed, and that the Association be left to the general operation of its 27th standing rule.

The Rev. Messrs. Hooker, Samuel A. Fay, Crowell, March, and Benj. F. Clark were appointed a Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The Committee on the subject of taxable members presented a report, which after some discussion was recommitted with instructions, to report on the general subject of membership in connection with taxation.

A Resolution presented to this body by the Brookfield Association, relating to the desecration of the Sabbath, was read and committed to Messrs. Mann, Wright, Mann of R. I., Hatch and Eaton, with instructions to prepare and report a minute upon the subject for the action of this Association.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Letter of Rev. Dr. Cox, presented a report which was accepted, and after some discussion was adopted and is as follows.

"The Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Rev. Dr. Cox, inviting on the part of this Body a continuance of correspondence with that portion of the Presbyterian Church, which he was commissioned to represent, on the terms on which said correspondence has previously existed with the

Presbyterian Church, irrespective of the legal question that now agitates said Church, and still remains unsettled,—have attended to the subject committed to them, and beg leave to report."

That while in the absence of Dr. Cox, his communication be respectfully acknowledged in our Minutes, this Body, considering the present unsettled state of the legal controversy existing in the Presbyterian Church, take no further action at their present session on the subject of said communication."

The Committee to whom was referred the subjects of membership and taxation, presented a report which was adopted and is as follows.

"Resolved, That the resident members of the District Associations, whether Pastors or not, be eligible to this Body, and that the Delegates of this Association shall pay a tax for each resident member of the District Association from which they come."

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Joel Mann, of R. I. Attended to the narrative of the state of religion in the several Associations. Heard reports also, from the General Association of Con. presented by Rev. Thomas Punderson, Delegate from that Body; from the General Consociation of Rhode Island, presented by Rev. Joel Mann, from the General Convention in Vermont, by Rev. Elijah Babcock; from the General Conference of Maine, by Rev. Caleb Hobart, and from the General Association of New Hampshire, presented by Rev. Alvah Toby.

The Rev. C. Mann was excused from further service in the Committee on the Sabbath, and Rev. Mr. Backus was appointed in his place. The Pastoral Address was read by the Rev. Dudley Phelps, of Groton, and was accepted and referred to the publishing committee, to be published under their direction.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the account correctly kept and cast, and a balance against the Treasury of $\$16,81\frac{1}{2}$. And they recommend a tax of fifty cents on each member of the District Associations represented in this body, to defray our current expences.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of organizing the Association at the commencement of its Annual Meetings presented the following report, which was adopted,—

1. "That as the vote of last year, on this subject, was not constitutional, it is null and void."

2. "That the minister of the place where the Association meet, shall act as Moderator pro-tem until the certificates are handed in, and read by the Secretary or a temporary Scribe, and it is ascertained who are members of the Association."

As this report was found to conflict with the 7, 8, and 9 standing rules of the Association, a resolution was proposed to the Association providing for an alteration in said rules, so as to make them harmonize with the report, and is as follows—

Resolved, That the two following rules be substituted in the place of the 7, 8, and 9, as they now stand in the minutes.

1. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

2. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

The question being put "shall the resolution now offered be read the second time," it was

Voted, It be read again tomorrow for the further action of the Association.

The committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, presented the following nomination which was adopted, and the delegates were appointed as follows.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Israel W. Putnam, of Middleboro, } Primaries.
Rev. Asahel Cobb, of Sandwich, }

Rev. Elijah Dexter, of Plympton, } Substitutes.
Rev Samuel Williams, of Brewster, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Daniel Crosby, of Charlestown, } Primaries.
Rev. William Tyler, Amherst, }

Rev. C. Blodgett, of Pawtucket, } Substitutes.
Rev. Martin Moore, of Cohasset, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Joseph S. Clark, of Stockbridge. } Primaries.
Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D. of Springfield. }
Rev. Daniel M. Lord, of Boston. } Substitutes.
Rev. Amariah Chandler, of Greenfield. }

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Eber Carpenter of Southbridge. } Primaries.
Rev. Alexander L. Lovell, of Phillipston. }
Rev. Samuel Gay, of Hubbardston. } Substitutes.
Rev. Dudley Phelps of Groton. }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Joseph Bennett, of Woburn. } Primaries.
Rev. Seth H. Keeler, of Amesbury. }
Rev. Jesse Page, of Andover, } Substitutes.
Rev. James F. McEwen, of Topsfield. }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. of Granville, } Primaries.
Rev. E. L. Clark, of Richmond, }
Rev. C. B. Kittredge, of Westboro', } Substitutes.
Rev. Sewall Harding, of Medway, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Joseph D. Condit, South Hadley, } Primaries.
Rev. William Jenks, D. D. Boston, }
Rev. Parsons Cook, of Lynn, } Substitutes.
Rev. Emerson Davis, of Westfield, }

Voted, That the instructions given last year by this Association to its delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, be repeated to the delegates now appointed to the same body.

After Prayer by Rev. Mr. Backus,

Voted, To adjourn to 9 o'clock, tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

Thursday morning, 9 *o'clock*. The Association met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held in the Essex North Association, at Ipswich, in the meeting house of Rev. D. T. Kimball.

The resolution which provides for the alteration of the 7th, 8th, and 9th, Standing Rules of the Association and which was read for the first time during the afternoon of yesterday, was read the second time and adopted.

The Association heard the Rev. Mr. Lord, of the Mariner's Church, Boston, on the claims of the seamen's cause.

Nathan Crosby, Esq. agent of the Massachusetts Temperance Union, addressed the Association on the operation, constitutionality and support of the law prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits.

Rev. Mr. Crosby made an exposition of the present character, organization and plan of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Rev. Mr. Smith was heard, in reference to the missionary operations of the "American Sunday School Union."

The cause of Home Missions and the claims of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, were presented by the Rev. Joseph S. Clark. And the following resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. Codman and seconded by Rev. T. S. Clark, were adopted.

Resolved, That the cause of Home Missions is dear to our hearts and shall receive our cordial and continued support.

Resolved, That, as the success of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, depends in a great measure on the efficient co-operation of auxiliary societies throughout the State, it be recommended to every District Association or Conference in our connection, which has not before done it, to organize itself into a society, auxiliary to the Massachusetts Missionary Society, to attend particularly to the waste places within its own bounds, and to raise money annually by public contributions or otherwise, to aid the funds of the Parent Institution."

Rev. Prof. Emerson presented the object and claims of the "Foreign Evangelical Society of the United States," and the following resolution, offered by Rev. Mr. March and seconded by Rev. Dr. Codman, was adopted—

Resolved, "That we highly approve of the objects of the 'Foreign Evangelical Society of the United States,' and that we recommend the same to the consideration and support of the churches connected with this General Association."

A communication was read from the President of the "American Sunday School Union," and referred to the Rev. Orin Fowler.

Mr. Fowler reported a resolution on the aforesaid communiciation, which was amended and adopted as follows :

"Resolved, That the Missionary operations of the American Sunday School Union, and the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, in the destitute parts of our country meet with our cordial approbation.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Brookfield Association, reported the following minute, which was accepted and adopted.

"This Association have learned with satisfaction that our fellow citizens in some portions of the state, are petitioning the directors and other managers of our Rail Roads, entreating them to exclude all travel from said roads on the Sabbath.

"In our opinion the great question, whether these facilities of communication shall be a curse or a blessing to our land depends very much on their being used or not used on the Sabbath day. If the sin of Sabbath breaking, which lies already so heavily on our nation, shall thus be increased, we fear the judgments of heaven will not long be withheld, and that our temporal prosperity will destroy us.

"We do therefore desire to unite with our brethren and fellow citizens of every denomination, in petitioning those entrusted with this great interest, that, these popular enterprizes be so conducted, as to leave us our Sabbaths in sacred stillness, that we may worship God without interruption; and may also at these seasons have confidence in praying for His blessing on our six days of *lawful* labor."

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. Joel Mann, was adopted—

Resolved, That this Association regard with deep regret the recent violation of the law of God respecting the Sabbath, by Congress at its recent session, in prosecuting its business on that Holy day; and do consider this example as highly injurious to the best interests of our beloved country."

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion, presented their report, which after some amendments was placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee, to be published at their discretion.

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Samuel Nott, of Wareham, preached the Associational Sermon from Isa. 3 chap. 2d verse. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to

Rev. R. B. Hall and his congregation for their kindness and hospitality ; and to the choir of singers for their appropriate and acceptable performances.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented also to the members of other religious societies in this place who have tendered to us their hospitalities.

Voted, That these minutes be adopted as the true records of the doings of the Association, and be printed under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

After singing the Doxology, and prayer by the Rev. Chester Wright, the Association adjourned sine die.

JOHN NELSON, *Moderator.*
DANIEL CROSBY, *Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In reviewing the dealings of God with our churches the past year, we see much cause for humiliation, as well as great occasion for adoring gratitude and praise. Although different portions of our Zion have enjoyed spiritual blessings in unequal measures, yet none have been left entirely destitute. In Berkshire association peace and harmony prevail. Conversions have occured in several of the congregations during the past year, particularly in West Stockbridge village.

Within the limits of Hampshire Association there has been no general revival of religion. But in several places, and among others North Amherst, Leverett, Amherst College, with the Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, there has been pleasing religious interest. Attendance on public worship and the means of salvation has been constant and general throughout the Association.

The past year has been distinguished by more than ordinary prosperity in the Hampden Association; particularly in the churches in West Springfield, Agawam, Westfield and North Wilbraham.

Several of the churches in Franklin Association have been blessed and strengthened. Others have been afflicted by unhappy division and strife.

In Brookfield Association, the first church in Ware has been blessed with a pleasing revival of religion. Individuals in other places have been added to the churches, and Christians have been edified.

We hear with pleasure, that the churches of Harmony Association are enjoying their usual peace and prosperity, and that preaching has not been without effect. Two or three of these churches have enjoyed seasons of special interest, and souls have been gathered into the fold of Christ.

Many tokens of the divine favor have been bestowed upon Worcester Central Association. In Rutland, East Milbury, and West Boylston there have been hopeful conversions. In the small society in Berlin more than 20 have expressed hope in Christ, and about the same number in Holden; more than 70 have been added to the church in Shrewsbury, 25 to the Calvinistic church, and 32 to the first church in Worcester, and 20 to the church in Paxton. In Princeton 125 have expressed a Christian hope.

In Worcester North Association, although there have been no extensive revivals during the last year, yet valuable additions have been made to most of the churches. In South Royalston, where a pastor has been recently installed, God has revived his work, and there have been some signal displays of divine grace.

In the Middlesex Union Association the churches continue steadfast and active. In Fitchburg, Pepperill, Groton, Acton and Dunstable, many it is hoped have been converted. Churches have been organized in Lancaster and Stow.

In Middlesex South Association some of the churches though few in numbers have recently been strengthened. In Medway and some other places a pleasing interest has been manifested, especially amongst the young.

In Woburn Association, while there has been a general want of religious interest some additions have been made to all the churches except one. Eighteen have been added to the church in Reading, and upwards of 20 to the church in Burlington.

Five out of the eleven churches in Andover Association are now without pastors and but few of them have enjoyed any special prosperity. In the West Parish of Andover, however, about 50 have recently expressed a Christian hope, and 30 have made a public profession of their faith. A new church has recently been formed in the city of Lowell, with pleasing prospects, and will probably soon have a settled pastor. The Theological Seminary at Andover continues to prosper, and has now about 125 students. Provision has recently been made for the instruction of an additional class in a fourth year of theological study, for such as may wish to enjoy it.

Many of the churches of Essex North Association have been

blessed, particularly those of Amesbury Mills, Georgetown, Ipswich, Newburyport, Newbury, and Rowley.

The Association of Salem and Vicinity has been greatly favored with a spirit of harmony, and in many of the congregations the ordinary means of grace have been remarkably successful, particularly in Salem, Beverly, Gloucester, Manchester, Topsfield, and Middleton. To the church in Manchester 59 have been already added, and 56 to the church at Sandy Bay.

Suffolk North Association. The churches have enjoyed great external prosperity, a happy exemption from unpropitious and engrossing excitements, an increase of Christian affection among the members, and a spirit truly fraternal among the pastors, and all have received additions by profession.

In Suffolk South Association, the attendance on public worship has been steadily increasing, and the word of God has not been in vain. No great revival has been witnessed in the churches, generally, but two or three of the congregations have been specially blessed. The "Mariner's church," for three successive years, has enjoyed revivals of religion.

In Norfolk Association some of the churches have enjoyed spiritual blessings, particularly the church in South Weymouth.

Additions have been made to most of the churches in Taunton Association. Much interest in religion has existed in the Wheaton Female Academy in Norton.

Old Colony Association reports no revival within its limits the past year, with the exception of one in Dartmouth of an interesting character. Union and harmony prevail. The churches are all supplied with pastors except two, three ministers having been settled in a short time.

Considerable attention to religion has existed in Falmouth, North Falmouth, and Edgarton, within the limits of Vineyard Sound Association.

In Brewster Association, there have been several hopeful conversions in Truro, 60 in North Wellfleet and 40 in South Wellfleet, 20 in Orleans.

A powerful work of grace in South Dennis has included persons of every age, from the lad in the Sabbath School to the sea captain of gray hairs. About 60 conversions are mentioned in Yarmouth. There are 4000 seamen within the bounds of this Association; 613 of them are professors of religion. Forty vessels have daily worship on board.

The following general facts are gathered from the reports of

the Associations. The cause of temperance, except in a few places, is advancing.

Benevolent objects are prosecuted with increasing energy.

The evils of a fluctuating ministry are extensively felt and deplored.

In the revivals which have been so widely enjoyed the past year, but few protracted meetings have been held. Sabbath School instruction and Tracts have been extensively and usefully employed.

A considerable number of churches have been bereaved of their pastors by death. Our hearts have deeply sympathized with those churches, and have mourned the loss of our beloved brethren. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," thrice blessed they, who have turned many to righteousness. May their Christian excellence find imitation in those who are so soon to follow them.

Very cheering intelligence has been brought us from the various foreign bodies with which we are connected. From R. I. we learn that the Sabbath is far better observed than formerly, and that interesting and powerful revivals of religion have been experienced in a few of their churches. The cause of temperance is on the advance, the charitable collections in eleven churches last year amounted to $3,533. There are 26 Sabbath Schools and 3317 scholars and teachers. Besides Private Schools, Public High Schools, Seminaries, and Institutes, there are 365 Free Schools for the support of which are paid annually about $40,369.

From Connecticut we learn that there are 237 Churches and forty-five thousand communicants. They are in a state of increasing peace and harmony—the pastoral relation is becoming more permanent, there is an increasing attendance on the ministrations of the gospel; and though revivals of religion have been less numerous and powerful than in years that are past, yet seasons of religious interest have been experienced in various parts of this heritage. Sabbath Schools were never more prosperous nor excited a deeper interest, and the benevolent enterprises of the day are regarded with favor and patronized with increased liberality.

From Vermont we learn that the churches are generally preserved in union; some of them are diminished by emigrations to the West, others are strengthened and refreshed, and many of them during the past year have been blessed with revivals; many houses of worship have been erected; Sabbath Schools

are receiving increasing attention—the cause of temperance is on the advance. With some local exceptions the great interests of the community in Vermont are steadily advancing.

From the General Association of New Hampshire we learn that there is generally a state of spiritual prosperity within their limits. That a considerable number of their churches have not long since been favored with revivals of religion, some of them very interesting and powerful—that the various objects of Christian philanthropy seem to be receiving increased attention, and that more attention than usual is given to the study of the Bible.

There are connected with the General Convention of Maine about two hundred churches, supplied by one hundred and thirty-one pastors or stated preachers, leaving about sixty churches destitute of the stated ordinances of the gospel. Nearly a thousand as represented in the last report, were added by profession to the churches the year preceding. Twenty-two towns were especially favored with the influences of the Holy Spirit, in some of which, the work of God was marked and powerful. Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are sustained by the churches and are blessed. Some special efforts are making to promote in believing parents and the community of God's people a more faithful performance of the duties they owe the children of the church.

The past year, though less favored than the preceding has not passed away without some special tokens of the favor of God. The counties of York and Oxford, on the Southern and Western borders of the State, have been, perhaps, most highly distinguished. In several towns in these counties the power and grace of God, the last winter and spring, were signally displayed. The churches in Maine, notwithstanding the pecuniary embarrassment and pressure of the last two or three years, are making progress in the cause of practical benevolence.

The Theological Institution at Bangor, though still laboring under the disadvantage of a deficiency of funds, is otherwise, in a flourishing state.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the Churches under their care:—

Beloved in the Lord,—

The time is come for us to present you with our annual greetings, to put you in remembrance of the mutual obligations which rest on pastors and people, and to invite you to join with us in praising the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

While addressing you, we cannot be unmindful of the place where we are now assembled. We are by the Rock of Plymouth, and the graves of the Pilgrim Fathers. Here, they labored and prayed and suffered. Here, they established their church; and obtained that, which amid the severest privations, filled them with joy,—the liberty to worship God in their own way, with none to molest or make them afraid. We should be ashamed of ourselves, we should be unworthy to trace our descent from them, could we be unmoved by the associations which are clustering around us.

Though our last epistle to you had special reference to the founders of the New England churches, you must permit us to say a few words more respecting those to whom, under God, we are all so much indebted for whatever is valuable in our religious privileges and civil polity.

The Pilgrim Fathers owed much of their wisdom and firmness to resolve, their strength and perseverance to execute, to the distinctive doctrines and obligations of the Gospel which they

believed. They formed their high purposes and adhered to them at the expense of all the most highly prized comforts of life, through the power and influence of prayer.

Thus they were able to go through their course of toil and hardship; with a full view of what it involved, they still chose this course, and were continually thanking God for permitting them to enter upon it, gloomy and disastrous as it so frequently was. From the mercy seat light shone in upon them when every other place was dark. There, they could feel indications of safety and success when every other post was dangerous, and every other prospect disheartening. There, they had peace, when the warhoop was on the breeze, and barbarous sufferings instantly threatened them.

Their devotedness to God was hearty, conscientious, consistent; and they watched and prayed that it might be complete. Their reliance on the merits of a crucified Saviour, for pardon and eternal life, was unconditional, supreme. It was the power of the Holy Spirit through the belief of the truth, which they felt to be absolutely necessary to prepare depraved man for the favor of God, and to impart and confirm to him a hope full of immortality. Hence their motives to prayer, to watchfulness, and to all the accordant acts of obedience. Had their belief been essentially different from what it was; their prayers, their labors, their lives must have been essentially different. Such belief alone could make such men, could qualify them for the deeds they performed, for putting forth an instrumentality which by God's favor has resulted in unspeakable rich blessings to our country and the world. Brethren, while we stand where they stood, we would resolve, through Christ strengthening us, and we would invite you to join us in the resolution, to be more like them in belief, in prayer, and in devotedness. We must all be more like them in these matters, if we would not undo what they did so well; if we would enlarge and perpetuate those institutions, for the establishment of which they freely relinquished all earthly good. Let us hold every thing in subserviency to Christ and his cause; and then we need not blush to be called their children, nor feel unprepared to go and unite with them in the inheritance of the promises.

In accordance with the feelings which this reference to the Pilgrim Fathers has waked up in our hearts, we would counsel you, in all your religious plans and efforts, to look at permanent results. There is a temptation to be satisfied with temporary expedients, with occasional, or periodical excitements, as though

religion were or could be something different from a principle of holy love, and a uniform course of active obedience; as though Christ could be honored with less than a consistent, devoted life,—with a few days or a few weeks of extraordinary and exhausting labor to be succeeded by months, if not years, of languor and inactivity. Though much may be thought to be gained in a short time, of what avail is it in the final issue, if the subsequent loss is found to be as great, or perhaps greater? It does not depend on the character of present favorable appearances whether the abiding result shall be good. In judging of measures to be adopted, and of the spirit with which they should be executed, we shall be deceived, if we regard only their immediate bearing; if we show our conclusions from the first effects which we witness. The inquiries are never inappropriate; What will be the end thereof according to the lowest calculations? Will the lasting consequence be obedience to God, the promotion of truth and holiness among his professed people? Or is there reason to believe, it will rather be, a reversion of feelings, a disappointment of hopes, a remissness of efforts, a division of sentiments; in short an obvious departure from the power and spirit of the gospel?

To be blind to results is madness; and yet to be over cautious is to be worse than useless. The path of duty is, to avoid both these extremes. Still the danger is that those who are the most liable to run into one, are always on their guard against the other, from which they are at the greatest possible distance. Those inclined to imprudence and rashness, are afraid of being too cautious. They are very careful to free themselves from that evil to which they are not exposed, while they are heedless of the snare that is immediately under their feet. So it is with the other class. Those who are so exceedingly cautious as to be unprepared to go forward resolutely and with all their powers to any good work, speak and act as though there were but one danger in the world to be avoided; and that is the danger of being too hasty, too much excited, too regardless of consequences. Would it not be well for every class of the professed disciples of Christ to look for a while in a direction opposite to that towards which their attention has been for a long time turned, in order to see their exposures, to find out their easily besetting sins, and to learn their whole duty? Such a change of position and prospect would tend to the removal of prejudice, the increase of obligation, and the greater union of motive and effort in every christian enterprise.

You are aware, christian brethren, that the relation between pastors and churches, is not regarded by the present generation, as it was by our forefathers. Its binding, its permanent nature is in a great measure lost. What has produced this change? In part it is owing to the restless, disturbed spirit of the age; and in part it is to be ascribed to the misapprehension both of ministers and people respecting the best method of giving efficacy to the preached gospel. A fondness for novelty has been permitted to pass for a love of the truth. A temporary regard to something new in manner and captivating in address, has taken the place of that sober and settled attachment to the doctrines of the gospel, without which it matters little whether wheat or chaff is furnished as spiritual food. There is reason to apprehend that the preaching of the simple, plain doctrines of the cross, which was so much relished in the early periods of New England, and which made men so great in christian knowledge, would be unsatisfactory to some who now profess to be earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. In too many instances, something in addition to the bread of life must be had, else to hear preaching is dulness, and to be interested in what is heard, is thought to be impracticable.

All believe that the truth which God has revealed, is the only instrument which the Spirit wields to subdue sin. To be interested therefore in any thing aside from this truth, is so far to be removed from the only influence that can renew and sanctify the heart. The history of the church places another point beyond a reasonable doubt; and that is, that a permanent, settled ministry is indispensable to the production of the greatest amount of good in christian congregations. Frequent changes in the pastoral relation are calamities to be deplored. Those who are really desirous of diffusing righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, should be ready to do their utmost for the prevention of such calamities. But to prevent them their causes must be removed. The spirit of restlessness must be suppressed. The desire to be fed with the simple truth must no longer be crowded out of the soul by the love of novelty. The permanent effect of the preached gospel must be made the foundation of judging who and what shall be heard on the holy Sabbath. This would be a return to the good old way in which our fathers enjoyed the ministrations of the sanctuary,—in which pastors and people lived and died together in harmony and love.

We would further state as an important consideration, that every professed disciple, as it respects himself, should be satisfied

only with a continual advancement in holiness. Were this his constant aim, and expectation, he would be doing all that is required of him; and his entire influence would be promotive of whatever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Careful to possess and to exhibit the spirit of Christ in all his doings, he would attempt nothing at variance with that spirit in any of his movements.

Most plain it is, that if a man is going along in the course of holy obedience, he is a Christian. Equally plain too it is, that whatever may have been his experience, and whatever be his exercises and hopes, if he is not advancing in this course, he has no good claim to being called a Christian. If he is not becoming more and more holy, let him be doing what else he may, he is doing it wrongfully. On this point we are brought at once to these conclusions. That is not religion, it should not be called religion, the influence of which does not go to make a man holy in all his walks and conversation. Whatever exercises he engage in, if they do not tend to unite us more closely to Christ, are vain and delusive. Whatever views we entertain, that are a hinderance to our earnest striving after more and more holiness of character, are unscriptural and visionary; and the brightest hopes we may indulge, which are not based on the fact, the well attested fact, that we are growing into a conformity to the divine likeness, are no better than the spider's web.

It is because so many Christians are so much of their time doing that which has not this holy tendency that their peace is disturbed, that the Holy Spirit is not eventually with them, and that difficulties of one kind and another spring up to perplex and discourage. The painful fact must be admitted that in many of their religious exercises, the meetings they attend, in the prayers they offer, and in the interest they manifest in the cause of Christ, they are not becoming more free from every sinful influence. They fail to exhibit before God and the world, a simple pure copy of Christ's example. That which they carry about is no more like the divine original now, than it was when they first presented it to the view of men. Nay, instead of polishing, they have defiled it. It is impure, dark, unnatural, and in no respect suitable to be called a likeness of that which Christ has set before them and which they profess carefully to imitate.

Now, if none were content to be in this state; if all regarded it as too dangerous to afford a moment's rest; what repentings, what prayers, what watchfulness, what strivings there would be! How would the very appearance of evil be arrested! The fruits

of righteousness would everywhere abound; and each church would indeed and in truth be the garden of the Lord.

The last consideration we would present to you is this: The power of doing good lies in a holy life. This power is not in wealth, nor in talents. It would not be yours, if you were exalted to the highest official station that ever a mortal man has reached. Nor would it be yours, if the armies of Cæsar and Napoleon were ready to do your bidding. It is not united with what the world calls great and mighty. It is superior to the gold and silver that might purchase an empire, and to the influence that would control it. It towers above the might and dominion which have subjugated nations, and turned millions of the human family into prisoners and slaves; and yet it may be possessed and exercised by the very humblest among you: yea, the most humble of you will have it in the highest measure, and exercise it in the most successful way.

The power to do good is the power of truth and love. And as truth and love are from God, it is the power of God. It is acting out the truth of God with the spirit of love that God requires.

Brethren, it is not enough to be firm and immoveable in your belief of the truth. It is not enough to be prompt and decided in the performance of duty. Nor is it enough to set your faces as flint against the sins and iniquities which abound. Neither is it enough to be awake and ready for an onset upon the powers of darkness wherever they may show themselves. No; knowledge, vigilance, zeal, decision, self-denial, perseverance, these and many more traits of character are not sufficient. These may all be had and put forth to admiration, and still the power of doing good be wanting. These are indeed a part of her retinue; yet they are not the irresistible being herself. It is holy love that must come and take charge of these, else they will be ineffectual in the accomplishment of what Christ has commanded his followers to do. Love must attemper, polish, and fit for service all these other instruments, or they will be barely worth possessing. It is this, and only this, that envieth not; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not power; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity; feareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

To do good is to promote righteousness, to oppose sin successfully. Now to oppose sin successfully, you must oppose it with that which is directly the *opposite* to it. It is altogether in vain to attempt an opposition to it by that which is like it, or which is

a part and parcel thereof. No one in the ways of iniquity fears the rebukes of Satan, or of any who are engaged in his cause and who manifest his spirit. Why be angry with the wicked, while you are endeavoring to reform them, and they will be secure in their strong holds. Exhibit any feeling towards them, that is not made up of christian love, they will defy you to do your utmost. Here we may see the motive of the devil in tempting Christians to sin. His great object is to take from them the power of doing good, by awakening in them unholy feelings and beguiling them into wrong practices. Neither he nor any connected with him, will be concerned for their cause in any of its interests, so long as those professedly arrayed against it, are destitute of this spirit of heavenly love, of Christ-like goodness. If attacked with weapons like to those which they are well skilled in using, they have no fears of a defeat. In railing accusation, Satan is any day far more than a match for the highest arch-angel. Yet he cannot stand before the humblest Christian who is borne onward to duty and effort, by the love of Christ.

In cunning, in policy, in unchristian argument and zeal, the lovers of sin are ready to meet you at any time and on any ground you may select. But they cannot, they dare not meet you any where, if they know you will attack them with no other weapons than holy truth and Christian love. Thus equipt, one soldier of the cross may chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight.

Brethren, greater talents than God has given you, you cannot acquire if you would. Stations of more commanding influence than those you now occupy, you may not be able to reach. A greater amount of wealth to use for the promotion of what is good, you may not easily gain. But more of the love of Christ you may have in your souls, if you will only strive for its increase. His image may be more deeply engraven on your characters, if you will remove them farther from the influence of a sinful world. In view of what you ought to be in the sight of God; in view too, of what you ought to do for your fellow men; should it not be your heart's desire, and your most fervent and constant prayer, that you may have more of this power of godliness, of meek and holy love, which none shall be able to gainsay or resist!

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

Cr.

June 30, 1838.	By arrearages in part from Worcester Central Association,	$4 00	
" 26, 1839.	Received from District Associations, as follows, viz.		
	Berkshire Association,	8 00	
	Franklin,	8 00	
	Hampshire,	11 00	
	Hampden,	9 50	
	Brookfield,	9 50	
	Harmony,	5 50	
	Worcester Central,	9 00	
	Worcester North,	4 00	
	Middlesex Union,	7 00	
	Middlesex South,	4 50	
	Woburn,	3 50	
	Andover,	4 50	
	Essex North,	3 00	
	Salem and Vicinity,	11 50	
	Suffolk North,	6 50	
	Suffolk South,	5 50	
	Norfolk,	10 00	
	Taunton,	7 00	
	Old Colony,	5 00	
	Pilgrim,	2 00	
	Brewster,	3 00	
	Vineyard Sound,	4 00	$150 50

Contra, Dr.

June 29, 1838.	To deficiency in Treasury,	10 76	
" 30, "	A worthless Bill,	3 00	
Jan. 1839.	To postage on letters respecting concerns of General Association,	70	
June 26, 1839.	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, for printing, etc. 900 copies of Minutes of 1838,	133 50	
	Freight on bundle from Portland,	25	
	To travelling expenses of the Secretary,	14 10	$167 31
	Deficiency in Treasury,		$16 81

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

CYRUS MANN,
HENRY B. HOOKER, } *Auditing Committee.*

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1839.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Adams North,	Vacant,		45	88	133										
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	42	99	141	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	7	150
Dalton,	Harper Boice,	June 17, 1835	56	98	144	15	8	23	3	7	2	12	9	11	
Egremont,	Saul Clark,	June 5, 1834	17	38	55	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	105
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	41	134	175	7	12	19	2	6	1	9	0	0	200
Hinsdale,	W. A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	41	86	127	3	2	5	3	5	0	8	0	5	150
Lanesboro',	Vacant,		38	73	111										80
Lee,	Vacant,		140	226	366	0	3	3	4	15	0	19	0	5	243
Lenox,	Samuel Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	126	197	323	0	0	0	8	8	0	16	0	8	197
Mt. Washington,			4	10	14										30
New Marlboro', N.	Vacant,		55	119	174										145
" S.	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	19	48	67	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	1	120
Otis,			46	76	122										81
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	94	127	221	14	2	16	0	2	3	5	8	6	300
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	159	326	485	72	14	86	10	26	0	36	34	14	410
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	June 20, 1838	30	65	95	0	2	2	5	2	3	10	0	0	100
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	53	147	200	3	0	3	1	3	0	9	2	4	225
Sheffield,	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	55	173	228	6	5	11	7	4	2	13	2	5	336
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clark,	June 15, 1837	63	182	245	36	10	46	3	12	0	15	21	4	258
" Curtisville,	J. Hurlburt,	Nov. 22, 1838	71	120	191										
Tyringham,	A. C. Page,	April 26, 1837	45	81	126	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	80
Washington,	Vacant,		21	43	64										30
West Stockbridge,	Vacant,		44	82	126	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	25
" Village,	Charles Lester,	July 12, 1838	14	19	33	9	9	18	1	0	0	1	4	0	225
Williamstown,	Vacant,		192	262	454										
" South,	Vacant,														270
" College,	M. Hopkins, D. D.		33		33										30
Windsor, 1st,	P. Clark,	Sept. 30, 1835	26	56	82	5	2	7	2	2	0	4	0	5	100
" 2d,	Vacant,		12	20	32										
New Concord, N. Y.	J. B. Baldwin,	Stated supply.	23	70	93	2	6	8	0	3	1	4	0	1	20
Total, 30	18		1605	3065	4670	178	80	258	58	109	12	179	81	77	3965

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Amherst, 1st,	Josiah Bent,	April 19, 1837	89	183	272	63	36	99	6	16	0	22	18	34	300
" 2d,	Nathan Perkins,	Oct. 10, 1810	71	140	211	14	3	17	4	15	0	19	3	2	160
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	43	74	117	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	7	250
" South,	Gideon Dana,	Jan. 3, 1838	37	75	112	14	10	24	6	6	1	13	4	4	135
" College,	Heman Humphrey,	Feb. 28, 1823	61	5	66	1	11	12	1	22	0	23			
Belchertown,	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833	133	169	302	23	3	26	8	5	0	13	6	14	275
" Brainerd Chh.	George A. Oviatt,	Aug. 29, 1832	58	100	158	34	4	38	4	2	0	6	11	10	190
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 13, 1835	34	87	121	9	1	10	3	3	0	6	2	0	258
Cummington,	Vacant,														
East Hampton,	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	73	147	220	12	4	16	4	6	0	10	3	11	260
Enfield,	John Whiton,	Sept. 13, 1837	70	146	216	30	7	37	3	6	0	14	14	3	300
Goshen,	John C. Thompson,	Oct. 4, 1837	29	70	99	6	1	7	2	9	0	11	3	5	150
Granby, East,	Eli Moody,	Oct. 5, 1836	101	174	275	8	8	10	6	9	4	19	1	10	300
" West,	Extinct.														
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	28	92	120	0	5	5	4	6	0	10	0	4	150
Hadley,	John Brown, D. D.	March 2, 1831			350	27	3	30	0	11	0	11	3		300
" Upper Mills,	Vacant,														
Hatfield,	Vacant,		60	120	180	50	10	60	4	6	0	10	13	21	200
Leverett,	Vacant,		25	41	66	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	5	200
Middlefield,	Vacant,		33	68	101	2	5	7	3	13	0	16	0	6	140
Northampton,	Charles E. Wiley,	Nov. 8, 1837													
" Edwards,	John Mitchell,	Dec. 8, 1836													
Norwich,															
Pelham,	Vacant,		4	26	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Plainfield,	Dana Goodsell,	Sept. 27, 1837			220	72	10	82	5	0	0	5	23	7	200
Prescott,	Job Cushman,	Oct. 18, 1835			108										100
South Hadley,	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835	73	164	237	62	10	72	3	8	0	11	16	15	300
" Canal,	William Tyler,	Aug. 10, 1832	39	73	112	43	10	53	0	6	0	6	18	25	140
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	179	236	415	35	9	44	0	11	0	11			400
Westhampton,	Amos Drury,	June 29, 1837			150	8	1	9	4	8	0	12	0	10	
Whateley,	John Ferguson,	March 16, 1836	86	127	213	29	5	34	2	8	0	10	8	16	230
Williamsburgh,	William Lusk,	Jan. 20, 1836	106	190	296	119	10	129	6	2	0	8	25	41	350
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	64	100	164	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	1	4	230

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HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	51	124	175	2	5	7	2	4		6	1	2	160
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3. 1796	46	100	146	2	5	7	3	4		7	2	4	146
" Middle,	Henry Eddy,	Feb. 16, 1836													
Longmeadow,	Hubbard Bebee,	Oct. 18, 1837	50	96	146	4	5	9	5	4		9	1	10	154
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	41	74	115	3	5	8	1	3		4		4	140
Ludlow,	—— Sanderson,*		67	118	185	8		8	3					4	100
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	156	273	429	85	7	92	9	12		12	33	8	350
Montgomery,	Caleb Knight,†	June 22, 1836	16	53	69				1	1		2		2	48
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 12, 1832	50	133	183		7	7	4	6	3	13		2	225
Russell,	Vacant,														
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1833													
Springfield, 1st Soc.	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	239	234	533	15	30	45						18	475
" 2d "	E. B. Wright,†	Oct. 7, 1835	24	49	73	4	4	8		5		5	1	8	95
" Hill,	—— Russell,	May 15, 1839	46	91	137	6	7	13						7	190
" Chickopee,	Dorus Clark,	March 4, 1835													
" Cabotville,	Sumner G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	23	50	73	4	23	27				5		4	170
Tolland,	Vacant,														
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	102	264	366	18	10	28	5	12		17	6	8	300
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	49	141	190				2	3		5			300
" Ireland,	Hervey Smith,	1833													
" Agawam,	Reuben S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	66	86	152	1		1	2	1		3	1	6	100
" Feeding Hills,	Calvin Foote,	Dec. 23, 1836	18	42	60		2	2	2	3		5		4	50
Wilbraham, North,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	38	92	130	2	5	7	1	3	3	7	2	3	130
" South,	J. A. Hazen,		42	37	79										

*Settled since January last. †Dismissed since January last.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	Stated supply.	103	160	263	3	2	5	3	3				3	129
Bernardston,	Theophilus Packard, Jr.	Stated supply.			33	4		4	1	1			1	1	48
Buckland,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Feb. 4, 1824	51	122	173	1	3	4	3	2			1	11	
Charlemont,	Stephen T. Allen,	April 18, 1838	48	89	137	6	7	13	3	8			4	2	200
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	29	79	108	1	4	5	1	8				2	
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	99	212	311	31	10	41	6	10			11	14	163
Deerfield,	Pomroy Belden,	Stated supply.													
Erving's Grant,	Vacant,		7	13	20	1		1							24
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Stated supply.													
Greenfield, 1st par.	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	12	32	44	2	3	5	4				1	4	75
" 2d "	Samuel Washburn,	Aug. 2, 1837	32	80	112	10	8	18	4	2			4	5	60
Hawley, East,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834	80	100	180	3	5	8		13				1	
" West,	Moses Miller,	Stated supply.	22	30	52	5		5		3				2	80
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 6, 1804													
	Calvin Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	70	130	200	8	1	9	5	13	1		1	4	200
Montague,	Joseph Marsh,	Stated supply.	26	45	71	3			1	1			1	1	95
New Salem,	Erastus Curtis,	Oct. 23, 1834													
Northfield,	H. J. Lombard,	July 20, 1836	26	49	75		4	4	2	4				4	90
Orange,	Vacant,														
Rowe,	Andrew Govan,	Sept. 4, 1833	7	25	32	4	5	9					3	1	60
Shelburn,	Theop. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	Theop. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1822	59	114	173	4	4	8	3					3	253
Shutesbury,	Martyn Cushman,	Stated supply.			50			2							40
South Deerfield,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	55	98	153	49	7	56	1	6	1		16	16	
Sunderland,	Solomon B. Ingram,	Dec. 28, 1836	72	124	196	69	10	79	5	4			23	20	230
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	22	44	66	2		2	1	3			1	5	160
Wendell,	Salmon Bennett,	May 2, 1838	72	116	188	2	7	9	3	6				2	190
Total, 25	23		892	1662	2637	208	80	288	46	87	2		67	101	2157

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	36	101	137				4	7		11		12	130
Brookfield, North,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	Jan. 27, 1798	77	166	243	6	12	18	5	5		10	3	14	415
" South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
	W. A. Nichols,	Sept. 12, 1838	30	53	83		3	3	2	3		5		3	100
Hardwick,	William Eaton,	Sept. 6, 1837	50	100	150	4		4	6	6		12	12	5	150
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Nov. 1, 1837	73	162	240	5	16	21	6	8		14	1	6	375
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	23	91	119	2	7	9	3	5		8		2	285
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786													
	James Kimball,	Dec. 24, 1832	51	111	162	10	4	14	3	9		12	3	6	320
Brookfield, West,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	144	256	400	5		5	4	6	1	11	1	5	300
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	36	89	125	7	3	10		2		2	4	10	225
Charlton,	Isaac R. Barbour,	Nov. 23, 1836													
Dudley,	Walter Follett,	Nov. 2, 1837	56	137	193	12	7	19		10		10	6	3	198
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	33	86	119			7	1	5		6		12	248
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 1, 1839	114	219	333	3	3	6	3	8		11	3	7	
Ware, East,	J. E. Woodbridge,	May 2, 1838	75	188	263	28	17	45		19	1	20	5	10	450
" West,	Hervey Smith,	Sept. 18, 1838			138	4	9	13	4	10		14		12	195
Barre,	Samuel A. Fay,	May 10, 1837	72	137	209	4	10	14	3	10	2	15		8	250
Holland,	James Sanford,	Stated supply.	17	48	65				1		1	2			72
Petersham, (Storrsville)	Amasa Dewey,	Jan. 11, 1837	8	18	26		2	2							60
Total,			691	1748	2577	87	90	184	42	105	5	152	34	108	3823

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Douglass, 1st chh.	David Holman,	Oct. 19,* 1803	34	84	118	10	3	13	2			2	3		120
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	62	144	206	4	8	12	1	9		10	1	4	300
Mendon,	Thomas Edwards,	Dec. 28, 1836	8	44	52		1	1		6		6			60
Millbury, West,	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	55	107	162	23	2	25	5	12		17	13	3	150
" Grassy Hill,	Vacant,														
Millville,	Kinsman Atkinson,	Nov. 7, 1838	12	27	39	1	9	10						5	50
Northbridge,	Vacant,				109	1	1	2	4	1		5			100
" Village,	Michael Burdett,	April 18, 1835	21	57	78	5		5		2		2	4	3	125
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	65	165	230	3	5	8	1	4		5	2	4	200
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796	52	122	174	2	2	4	5		1	6		6	330
Uxbridge,	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	58	186	244	4	3	7	2	17		19	2	3	250
Westborough,	C. B. Kittredge,	Feb. 3, 1837	101	223	324	1	3	4	6	8		14		10	375

Ministers dismissed, 1—Removed by death, 1—Settled, 2.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Worcester, 1st par.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			390	32	5	37	3	5	1	9	12	14	300
" Calvinistic,	—— Sweetser,		70	170	240	25	18	43		11	1	12	9	6	350
East Douglas,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835			70			3							170
East Millbury,	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1839	51	80	131	2	6	8	2	12	1	5	6	1	200
Lincoln,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	91	150	241	5	7	12	3	9		12	4	9	243
Auburn,	Minor G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	67	136	203	1	4	5		5	1	6		11	70
Berlin,	Robert Carver,	Nov. 12, 1838	23	44	67	3	1	4	2			2	2	3	150
Princeton,	Elijah Damond,	Oct. 26, 1836	60	120	180		2	2	2	4		6		21	200
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	67	127	194	11		11	3	4		7	4	9	200
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	62	153	215	2	7	9	2	3		5	1	10	
West Boylston,	Brown Emerson,	Aug. 3, 1837	72	155	227	8	8	16	1	8		9	3	18	330
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	82	147	229	7	2	9	5	2		7		10	423
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	93	191	284	19	8	27	2	7	1	10	10	7	320
Union Chh. Worcester,	E. Smally,	Sept. 19, 1838	45	47	92	10	17	27	5	11		16	4	6	250
Paxton,	J. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835	37	78	115	18	4	22	1	3		4	5	11	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	164	276	440	12	19	31	3	1	1	4	2	9	300
Shrewsbury, Northboro',	D. H. Emerson,	Oct. 19, 1836	22	60	82	4	1	2	1	1	1	2		7	170

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832			287										
Athol,		Pastor elect,			132	12		12							200
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824			205										
Petersham,	Columbus Shumway,	Oct. 4, 1837	29	57	86	2	5	7		3		3		1	100
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	67	144	211	2	2	4	7	13		20	1	10	250
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	85	113	198	16	6	22	4	7	1	12			200
" South,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	19	27	46	10	10	20	1			1	5	1	95
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	30	59	89	3	4	7	1	4		5		7	125
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	33	212	300	2		2	3	4	1	7		5	240
Winchendon,	D. O. Morton,	March 2, 1836	30	160	240	2	3	5	5	1	1	7		2	200
Total, 10	9		393	1472	1794	49	30	79	21	32	3	55	6	26	1410

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Acton,	James T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	88	135	223	16	10	26	9	4		13	9	12	250
Ashby,	Vacant,		51	111	162	6	5	11	7	6		13	2	6	260
Bolton,	John S. Davenport,	July 14, 1836	32	68	100	3	5	8		12		12		5	90
Boxboro',	Jos. W. Cross,	Oct. 1, 1834	29	51	80	10	4	14	1	2		3	2	2	125
Carlisle, 2d par.	Preserved Smith,	Aug. 31, 1836	10	34	44	3		3	2			2			75
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	29	87	116	10	5	15	4	4	2	10	3	4	190
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	98	223	321	24	11	35	9			9	9	14	500
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	97	145	242	41	4	45		7		7	10	8	175
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	48	119	167		2	2	4	2		6			167
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	40	92	132	9	8	17	1	2		3	5	8	230
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	11	32	43	3	1	4	2			2			118
Pepperell,	James Howe,	Oct. 16, 1822	150	242	392		6	6	7	12		19		12	450
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	21	56	77	5	4	9	1	1		2	3	3	120
Townsend,	David Stowell,	June 28, 1837	100	197	297	2		2	2	4		6			318
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	47	107	154	8	1	9	2	4	1	7	5	1	200
Total, 15	14		851	1699	2550	140	66	206	51	69	3	114	48	75	3268

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.		Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Concord,		Vacant,		19	72	91	4	2	6	1	3		4	3	2	90
Framingham,	{	David Kellogg, D. D.	Jan. 10, 1731													
	{	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	56	154	210	6	6	12	6	2		3	1	10	196
Holliston,		John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	49	126	175	3	4	12	3	3	9	15	6	5	250
Hopkinton,		John C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	36	92	123	1		1	2	2		4	1	5	190
Marlboro',		John N. Goodhue,	May 4, 1836	42	103	145	4	5	9	5	3	2	10	3	6	250
Medway, 1st,		Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	52	116	168	3		3	1	6	1	8	2	2	180
Needham, West,		J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	25	79	104					1		1		3	140
Natick,		Vacant,		51	105	156				1	5		6			173
Saxonville,		Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	8	36	44	4	2	6					2	1	200
Sherburne,		Edmund Douse,	Oct. 10, 1838	55	117	172	4	1	5	7	1		8	2	2	142
Southboro',		Jacob Cummings,	March 1, 1838	33	69	107		4	4	4	2		6		6	250
Sudbury,*		Vacant,														
Unionville,		Vacant,		20	47	67	3	5	8		2		2			160
Wayland,		Lavius Hyde,	July 22, 1835	14	62	76		1	1		1	1	2			90
Lincoln,		Ebenezez Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	26	77	103	4		4	1	3		4	3		140
Total,	15	12		491	1255	1746	41	30	71	31	34	13	78	23	42	2456

*Records not in the possession of the church.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	1822	134	354	488		8	8	6	14				12	350
Burlington,	Samuel Sewell,	1814													
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	1833	88	153	241	15	3	18	7	1	2		2	5	250
" South,	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,	Vacant,														
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	1829	28	81	109	2		2		4			1	2	130
Tewksbury,	G. Coggin,	1806	52	138	190	5	2	7	2	3				3	200
Bedford,	J. Leavitt,				152	11		11	3	1	1			15	30
Billerica,	J. Haven,	1836			51	2		2		2				3	
Total, 9	8		302	726	1141	35	17	48	18	25	3		3	40	1460

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Andover, South par.	L. L. Langstroth,	May 11, 1836	159	351	510	7	13	20		23		23	1	3	
" West "	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	54	123	177		2	2	2	6	1	9		10	250
" North "	Jesse Page,	Sept. 5, 1838	10	57	75	11	2	13		4		4	6	10	140
" Chapel chh.	Ralph Emerson,	Dec. 1829													
	Justin Edwards,	Sept. 1836	120	30	150	3	18	21		7		7	1	1	150
Lowell, 1st cong. chh.	A. Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	102	695	797	72	45	117	3	41	1	45	35		650
" 2d "	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	92	467	559	76	67	145	3	40	2	45			775
Dracut, West chh.	Tobias Pinkham,	May 18, 1836													
" Ev. chh.	Vacant,														
Methuen, 1st cong. chh.	S. G. Pierce,	June 27, 1832													
Reading, N. par.	John Orcutt,	July 12, 1837	21	52	73	12		12	5				3	11	35
Boxford,	W. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838													
Chelmsford,	Vacant,														
Total, 12	11		474	1303	1782	105	80	185	10	81	2	88	46	40	1225

Without Pastoral Charge.—Epaphras Goodman.

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Amesbury, West,	L. W. Clark,	Nov. 1, 1837	57	102	159	3	8	11					1	2	150
" Mills,	S. U. Keeler,	Dec. 7, 1836	55	114	169	5	5	10		5		5	4	4	200
Amesbury & Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	16	49	64	1	7	8	1		1	2	1	2	135
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836			173			56						8	250
" East,	Gardiner B. Perry,	Sept. 26, 1814													
Byfield Parish,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	45	102	147		3	3	2	2		4		3	200
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	50	73	123									3	230
Haverhill,	Vacant,														
" North,	Vacant,														
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835													
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 16, 1831	32	83	115	3		3	1	3		4	6	9	135
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 3, 1806	55	143	198	1	4	5	5	1		6		5	200
Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	155	215	7		7	10	7	1	18		10	200
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	43	96	144	3		3	2	2	1	5	1	3	140
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. chh.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 3, 1819			355	11	4	15	3	7		10	6	18	270
" Temple-st. "	Randolph Campbell,	Oct. 19, 1837	90	177	267	53	12	65	4	7		11	16	30	383
Rowley,	W. Holbrook,	July 22, 1818													
Salisbury, R. Hill,	Benjamin Sawyer,	Stated supply.													
W. Newbury, East,															
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	60	129	189	6	6	12	4	3		7	3	8	150

SALEM AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Beverly, Dane-st.	Joseph Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	69	169	238	5	2	7	1	5		6			
" 4th chh.	John Foote,	Stated supply.	3	23	26									5	45
" Washington-st.	Wm. Bushnell,	Jan. 3, 1838	26	83	109	2	22	24	2					16	105
Danvers, North,	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	52	139	191	2	3	5	3	5	1	9	1	17	200
" South,	Vacant,														
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 14, 1814	32	80	112	2	2	4	2	4		6		2	227
Gloucester, 5th chh.	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	97	187	284	11	5	16	13*	3		16	4	31	332
" Evan. "	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	13	68	81	4	1	5	1				1	1	250
" West par.	Isaac Brown,	Stated supply.	3	16	19										50
" Lane's Cove,	Charles Brown,	Stated supply.	3	14	22	8		8							23
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	26	84	110				2		1	3		2	125
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	30	114	144		1	1	1	1		2		6	200
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	40	112	152	7	8	15	1	7		8	1	8	500
Manchester,	S. M. Emerson,	Sept. 12, 1820													
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	60	264	324	16	1	17	5	7		12	2	33	275
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	39	82	121		2	2	1					7	210
Salem, Tabernacle chh.	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	95	308	403	36	8	44	7	10	1	18	17	25	550
" 3d Cong. "	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	71	244	315	2	4	6	4	2		6	1	14	350
" Howard-st. "	C. T. Torrey,	Jan. 4, 1838													
" Crombie-st. "	A. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	44	154	198	1		1	3	3		6	1	12	180
Saugus,	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	7	17	24		1	1			1	1		1	33
Topsfield,	J. F. McEwen,	May 3, 1830	46	115	161	3	2	5	4	2		6	2	2	100
Wenham,	Daniel Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	34	70	104	2	4	6		3		3	1	3	120

*These deaths have occurred not all in 1838, but some of them in the course of several years, of which no record was kept.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Samuel Dana and Rev. David Jewett.

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	35	159	194	6	4	10	2	9	1	12	5	10	110
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 23, 1836	200	250	450	16	5	21		4		4	2	7	90
" Salem-st.	Joseph H. Towne,	June 2, 1837	123	289	417	65	24	89	7	21	1	29			326
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	200	355	555	40	25	65	5	15	1	21	22	28	300
" Franklin-st.	William M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	72	126	198	28	20	48	1	13		14	14	16	192
Cambridge,	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835			150	7	13	20					3	4	165
" Port,	William A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	43	101	144	12	7	19				6	5	6	150
Charlestown,	Warren Fay, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1820	60	259	319	24	9	33	5	9	3	17	11	11	552
" Winthrop,	Daniel Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	64	130	194	17	9	26		5			5	11	260
Malden,	Alexander W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	16	53	69	11	2	13	1	4	1	6		4	
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1833	56	111	167	14	15	29					4	3	226
Newton,			56	172	228	9	3	12		4	2	6	4	2	120
" 2d,	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1822			95	2	2	4				3	2	19	70
Waltham,	J. Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1837	18	130	148	18	6	24	2	10		12	12	6	140

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadley, Asa Bullard, and Seth Bliss.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Boston, Pine-st.	Artemas Boies,	Dec. 10, 1834	30	197	277	24	19	43	3	20			7	8	360
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	98	338	436	36	16	52	3	24	1		11	30	370
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	113	351	464	25	20	45		14			14	8	181
" Mariner's,	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	52	54	106	31	6	37	2	1			15	13	
" Free,	Amos A. Phelps,	July 24, 1839	70	121	191	54	20	74	2	7			3	3	201
Phillip's Ch. S. Boston,	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	51	131	182	12	4	16	1	10			5	10	130
Brighton,	Samuel Lamson,														
Dedham,	Eben. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1831	61	190	251				4	5				1	270
Roxbury,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 25, 1835	50	90	140			20	1	3			1	3	170
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	15	41	56	2	4	6		7			2	1	85
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1823	33	105	137	14	3	17	1	4			6	10	80
Total, 11	11		521	1193	2740	198	92	314	17	95	1		69	92	1847

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Cogswell, D. D., Louis Dwight, David Greene, Jacob Abbott, Stephen S. Smith, Joseph S. Clark.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan 1, 1838.			Admissions in 1837.			Removals in 1837.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	
Abington,	James W. Ward,	May 2, 1834	60	84	144				3	1		4		1	233
Braintree,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	43	135	178	1		1	2	4		6		9	150
" South,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830													
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	66	131	197			8					1	7	
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	32	53	85	1	3	4	1	3	1	5	1		
Canton,	Vacant,														
Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	Sept. 3, 1833			87	1	2	3		2				2	120
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836			117	1	2	3	2	1	1	4		6	130
Dorchester,	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	71	236	307	3	3	10	6	7	1	14	3	23	250
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1833	35	130	165	3	4	7	3	6		9	1	2	185
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	1810												7	193
E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	36	64	100	2		2						5	100
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	14	61	75				1	1		2			
Milton,	S. W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	26	94	120	18		18	3			3	6	15	100
Bridgewater, North,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 1835													
" South,	Vacant,														
Quincy,	William M. Cornell,	Aug. 20, 1834	17	57	74	1	6	7		2		2		9	75
Randolph,	Calvin Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	51	73	124		3	3	5						150
" East,	Dennis Powers,	1838													
Sharon,	L. R. Eastman,	Nov. 15, 1837	30	73	133	4		4	4	1		5	2	4	130
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	47	133	180	6	2	8	4	4		8	3	5	250
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1833	27	64	91	14	1	15		1		1	7	9	130

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Attleboro',	J. Crane, Jr.	Oct. 20, 1836	49	149	198	1	2	3		5		5			200
" West,	Vacant,		40	61	101										130
Berkley,	J. U. Parsons,	March 14, 1838	31	60	91	9	2	11	3	7		10	3	13	220
Dighton,	John Shaw,		11	30	41	3	3	6		1		1			100
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	87	200	287	2	5	7	6	10	1	17	2	12	550
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 6, 1817	45	95	140				1			1			100
" Precinct,	Homer Barrows,	June 1, 1836	33	65	98	2		2	2			2	2	2	100
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	9	28	37		3	3	1	3		4			80
Nantucket,	Vacant,		80	300	380								8	65	600
Norton,	Cyrus W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	33	81	114	7	5	12	3	2		5	3	2	221
Pawtucket,	C. Blodget,	July 27, 1836	40	146	186	13	1	14	2	3		5	7	18	270
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	100	130										130
Rehoboth,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	24	60	84	8		8	4	2		6	6	7	140
Scotland,	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	10	30	40										60
Seekonk,	J. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	26	81	107	8	2	10	2	11		13	4	6	110
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	70	201	271	11	5	16	3	8	1	12	6	3	350
" West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	36	112	148	14		14					6	12	170
" Spring-st.	S. H. Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837	24	49	73	22	6	28		1		1	12	8	125
Total, 18	16		678	1338	2526	100	34	134	27	53	2	82	59	148	3660

Without Pastoral Charge.—Jonathan King, Thomas Andros, W. J. Breet, Benjamin Ober.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Dartmouth,	Charles S. Adams,	June 23, 1838	17	53	70				1	6	1	8		6	70
New Bedford, North,	Sylvester Holmes,	July 1811	35	243	338	14	16	30	4	11	2	17	9	9	275
" Trinitarian,	James A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	21	59	80	1	3	4		1		1	1		95
" 1st chh.	Daniel C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	10	32	42		2	2							85
Fairhaven,	William Gould,	Jan. 1823	100	200	300	13	2	14	1	2	1	4	4	13	23
Rochester, Centre,	Jonathan Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	29	85	114	1		1	1	1		2	1	2	128
" Mattapoisett,	Thomas Robbins, D. D.	Oct. 17, 1832	60	101	161	1	1	2	1			1		9	195
" Sippican,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 6, 1799	15	38	53				1						64
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	Nov. 1836	10	30	40										50
Wareham,	Samuel Nott,	Aug. 5, 1829	51	110	161	6	2	8	3			3	3	13	200
Middleboro',	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 23, 1835	52	159	211	9		9	3	3		6	9	6	175
Total, 11	11		460	1110	1570	31	10	40	11	13	2	25	18	54	905

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	30	85	115	2		2	3	1		4		4	138
Plymouth, 4th par.	Benjamin Whitmore,	Oct. 13, 1812	40	90	130	1	2	3	1			1	1	7	100
" 3d "	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837	28	93	121	14	6	20	3			3	9	10	125
" 2d "	Gaius Conant,	April 24, 1834	32	65	97	8		8	2	1	1	4	2	9	100
" Robinson so.	John H. Avery,	April 24, 1839	14	54	68				1	1		2		1	50
Hanson,	Abel Patten,	Stated supply.	5	33	38	2		2	2			2		2	35
Kingston,	Erasmus D. Moon,	May 15, 1839	12	23	35						1	1			60
Carver,	Jonathan King,	Stated supply.	40	80	120										45
Halifax,	Emerson Paine,	Stated supply.	9	31	40	1		1							59
Marshfield,	Seneca White,	1833													
" North,	Daniel D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1839													
Total, 11	11		170	479	626	28	8	36	13	3	2	17	12	34	667

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Freeman P. Howland.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom	Total.	Deaths.	Dismis	Excom.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	68	182	270	8	1	9	8		1	9	3	29	330
" North,	J. Pike,	Stated supply.	27	44	71	5	1	6					4	4	60
" East,	William Harlow,	Stated supply.	25	42	67	2	2	4	2				2	2	7
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	March 31, 1831	65	129	194	1	2	3	2	1		3		2	113
Monument,	S. W. Colburn,	Stated supply.	11	39	50										40
Barnstable, West,	Alfred Greenwood,	May 18, 1836	45	112	157	3		3	3	1	4	13	1	1	90
" South,	William Marchant,	1835	22	31	53										
Marshpee,	Phineas Fish,	Sept. 1811	2	17	19	1		1							45
Edgartown,	James Thomas,	Stated supply.	19	81	100				1			1		3	79
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	July 19, 1835	13	33	46	2		2	1			1	1		30
Chilmark,	Vacant,														
Total, 11	11		275	669	944	22	6	28	22	2	5	27	11	31	795

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1839.			Admissions in 1838.			Removals in 1838.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Recom.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Bible Class
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	1822	14	75	89	1		1		2		2	1	8	115
Chatham,	Charles Rockwell,	1839			130										90
Dennis, North,	Vacant,		9	15	24	3		3					1	2	30
" South,	Thatcher Thayer,	1838	15	55	70	4		4							200
Eastham,	Stillman Pratt,	Stated supply.	18	45	63	3		3	2			2	1	2	80
Harwich,	Vacant,		20	60	80	4		4					1	5	
Orleans,	Hazael Lucas,	Stated supply.	36	140	176	15		15	6		2	8	2	5	300
Truro,	Charles Boyter,	1836	50	100	150	3		3	4			4	1	4	127
Wellfleet, North,	Joseph Merrill,	Stated supply.	56	116	172					6		6			
" South,	Solomon Hardy,	Stated supply.	55	73	128	1	7	8	1	1		2		20	175
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822	25	135	160	12	3	15	4			4		17	150
Total, 11	9		298	794	1242	46	10	56	17	9	2	28	7	63	1367

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Philander Shaw and Rev. Enoch Pratt.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE Committee appointed by the General Association of Massachusetts "to consider and recommend amendments and additions to the Standing Rules of this body," have attended to that service, and beg leave to submit respectfully the following:—

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country; and throughout the world;—and to cooperate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be

organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

11. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not

considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

22. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

23. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion." The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

24. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

25. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

27. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

28. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

29. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the Minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in

this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

30. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

31. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

32. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

33. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

N. B. It will be observed that columns of figures in the statistical returns are not added up. The returns are exhibited as they were made.

MINUTES

OF THE

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AT THEIR

SESSION IN IPSWICH, JUNE, 1840.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Ipswich, in the meeting-house of the Rev. David T. Kimball, Tuesday, June 23, 1840, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Mr. Kimball.

Rev. Daniel Crosby was appointed to read the certificates of membership. From these credentials it appeared that the following persons were the regular delegates to constitute the General Association.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Edwin W. Dwight, Rev. Josiah W. Turner,
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Morris E. White, Rev. William Lusk,
Hampden Association,	Rev. Emerson Davis, Rev. Dorus Clark,
Franklin Association,	None.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. James Kimball,
Harmony Association,	Rev. John C. Webster, Rev. Nathaniel Beach,
Worcester Central Association,	Rev. S. G. Buckingham, Rev. Josiah Clark,
Worcester North Association,	Rev. Cyrus Mann, Rev. Daniel O. Morton,

Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. Dudley Phelps,
Middlesex South Association,	Rev. John Storrs, Rev. J. W. Sessions,
Woburn Association,	Rev. Francis Norwood, Rev. Aaron Pickett,
Andover Association,	Rev. U. C. Burnap, Rev. S. C. Jackson,
Essex North Association,	Rev. Isaac Braman, Rev. Nathan Munroe,
Salem & Vicinity Association,	Rev. Parsons Cooke, Rev. George W. Kelley,
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Daniel Crosby, Rev. Abijah R. Baker,
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Samuel Lamson, Rev. David Greene,
Norfolk Association,	None.
Taunton Association,	Rev. James O. Barney, Rev. Homer Barrows,
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, Rev. Charles S. Adams,
Pilgrim Association,	None.
Vineyard Sound Association,	Rev. Alfred Greenwood, Rev. Charles Rockwell,
Brewster Association,	None.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. Alvan Cobb, Rev. Joseph S. Clark.

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. David T. Kimball, Pastor of the 1st Church, Ipswich.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Eliakim Phelps.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Samuel R. Andrew.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Edwin Holt, Rev. Isaac Willey.

General Conference of Maine, Rev. John W. Chickering.

Delegates to the General Association of Connecticut, sitting as Honorary Members, Rev. Wm. Tyler, Rev. Constantine Blodget.

Delegate to the Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. James R. Cushing.

Rev. Parsons Cooke was chosen Moderator, Rev. Dudley Phelps, Scribe, and Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, Assistant Scribe.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and the Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Crosby and Bigelow were appointed a Committee on elections.

Voted, That the certificates of delegates from the Presbyterian Church be placed in the hands of a special committee to report thereon; and Rev. Messrs. Crosby, Davis, and Bigelow were chosen this Committee.

Rev. Dr. Snell and Rev. Messrs. Dwight and D. T. Kimball were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, of Boston, be appointed the Agents to print and circulate the Minutes of this Association.

Rev. Messrs. Munroe and Morton were chosen a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Rev. Messrs. Snell, White and Rockwell were chosen a Committee of Nomination.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the delegates from the Presbyterian Church, presented the following report which was adopted.

Resolved, That the General Association of Massachusetts are ready to hold correspondence with both Bodies claiming to be the Presbyterian Church of the United States, on the conditions expressed in the rules of this Association; and that the delegates present be received from the body which they represent.

Rev. Messrs. Crosby, Andrew, Holt, Cobb, and Davis were appointed a Committee to report on the state of religion.

Rev. D. Phelps, N. Adams, and H. Winslow were chosen a Committee of publication.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part on the business to be brought before the Association.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Bigelow, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning, June 24. The Association met according to adjournment. After the calling of the roll, the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Voted, That the Rev. E. Phelps be heard in relation to the appointment of delegates to the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Messrs. Mann, Bigelow, and Storrs were chosen a Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Attended to a communication from the Annual Assembly of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. A reply to this communication, that had been forwarded by the Secretary, was read.

Voted, That a Committee of three, of which the Secretary be one, be appointed to return a more full answer to the letter from the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Rev. Messrs. Adams of Boston, and Cooke of Lynn, were joined with the Secretary as this Committee.

Heard a request from the Hampden Association, presented by their delegates, on the subject of Temperance.

Voted, That a Committee of one from each County be appointed to take into consideration and report on the subject of Temperance.

Rev. Messrs. Kimball of Essex,
Clark of Hampden,
Tyler of Hampshire,
Dwight of Berkshire,
Blodget of Bristol,
Green of Norfolk,
Greenwood of Barnstable,
Baker of Middlesex,
Lord of Suffolk, and
Partridge of Nantucket, were chosen on this Committee.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. J. Kimball, Braman, and Morton be a Committee to report on the subject of procuring more full statistics of the Churches.

A communication relative to the state of religion in this Commonwealth, was received from the Worcester North Association. Rev. Messrs. Buckingham, Lamson, Burnap, were appointed a Committee to report on this communication.

Rev. Messrs. Crosby and Davis were added to the Committee on Statistics.

The Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies made a report which was adopted, and which was as follows :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Elijah Dexter, of Plymton, } Primaries.
Rev. Samuel Williams, of Brewster, }
Rev. Morris E. White, of South Hampton, } Substitutes.
Rev. Ralph Emerson, of Andover, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Martin Moore, of Cohasset, } Primaries.
Rev. John Storrs, of Holliston, }
Rev. Seneca White, of Marshfield, } Substitutes.
Rev Henry B. Hooker, of Falmouth, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Jesse Page, of Andover, } Primaries.
Rev. James F. McEwen, of Topsfield, }
Rev. I. W. Turner, of Great Barrington, } Substitutes.
Rev. Asahel Bigelow, of Walpole, }

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Samuel Gay, of Hubbardston, } Primaries.
Rev. Emerson Davis, of Westfield, }
Rev. Joseph Vail, of Brimfield, } Substitutes.
Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, of Rochester, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Parsons Cooke, of Lynn, } Primaries.
Rev. Dudley Phelps, of Groton, }
Rev. Sumner G. Clapp, of Springfield, } Substitutes.
Rev. Charles Rockwell, of Chatham, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. C. B. Kittredge, of Westboro', } Primaries.
Rev. Sewall Harding, of Medway, }
Rev. Wm. P. Paine, of Holden, } Substitutes.
Rev. Homer Barrows, of Middleboro', }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Daniel M. Lord, of Boston, } Primaries.
Rev. Amariah Chandler, of Greenfield, }
Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, of Bedford, } Substitutes.
Rev. Calvin Hitchcock, of Randolph, }

Attended to a request from the Association of Salem and Vicinity, respecting systematic operations in behalf of the various benevolent objects; and Rev. Mr. Eddy, agent of the A. B. C. F. M., made a statement and referred to a plan relative to this matter. Whereupon Rev. Messrs. Morton, Braman, and Cobb were appointed a Committee to take this subject into consideration.

Rev. Messrs. Snell, Davis, and White were chosen a Committee to report the place of the next meeting of the Association. This Committee reported Westfield as the place of the next meeting, and their report was adopted.

Voted, That the Taunton Association be requested to appoint the preacher before this Association at its next meeting.

Rev. Messrs. Snell, Woodbridge and Vail were appointed a Committee to prepare the next Pastoral Letter.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. D. Clark, and D. Crosby be a Committee to draft a minute in reference to a fraternal correspondence between this Association and the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church.

This Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That in accordance with the resolution already adopted, the delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, present their credentials to the body which meets in Ranstead Court, and correspond by letter with the body meeting in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Washington Square; and that hereafter this Association exchange delegates with the last named As-

sembly once in three years, agreeably to a proposal from that body.

The Committee to whom was referred the plan relative to systematic benevolent operations, reported that it should be submitted to this Association, which was done by Rev. Mr. Eddy. Whereupon it was voted that this plan be recommended to the observance of the Churches.

Voted, That the Minutes of Foreign Bodies in the hands of the Secretary be distributed according to the amount of assessments paid by the respective district associations.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met agreeably to adjournment, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Greene.

Attended to the narratives of the state of religion in the several district Associations. Reports were also presented from the General Conference of Maine, by Rev. John W. Chickering; from the General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Samuel R. Andrew; from the General Association of New Hampshire, by Rev. Isaac Willey; and from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Eliakim Phelps.

After the narratives of the state of religion, and prayer by Rev. E. Phelps, the Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Worcester North Association requesting this body to recommend to the churches the observance of a day of Fasting and Prayer, in relation to the state of religion in this Commonwealth, made a report which was adopted as follows:

In view of the interesting fact, that the recent religious interest in our Churches, has so far existed in connection with the ordinary means of grace and the efforts of individual Churches and individual Christians, we recommend that no action be taken upon the subject by this body; but while we rely upon the humiliation and prayer of Christians for the continuance and increase of revivals in our land, we leave it to the several Churches and district Associations to observe such special seasons for this purpose as they may deem desirable.

The following resolution offered by Rev. Mr. Mann, was adopted:

Resolved, That the remarkable outpourings of the Spirit since this year commenced, demand our fervent gratitude to God, and call for an increase of faith in his people, and greater efforts to extend the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Aaron Pickett of Reading.

Voted, That this Letter be accepted, and put into the hands of the Publishing Committee to be abridged and printed.

Rev. Tertius S. Clark was chosen second preacher in behalf of Home Missions ; the Rev. Cyrus Mann of Westminster being the first preacher by vote of this Association at their last year's meeting.

Voted to adjourn till to-morrow at 8 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Davis.

Wednesday evening, by direction of the Association, a sermon was preached in behalf of Home Missions by Rev. Samuel Backus, of Palmer.

Thursday Morning, 8 *o'clock*. According to adjournment the Association met ; the roll was called, and the meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Voted to refer the subject of continuing the correspondence between this body and the General Association of New York to a special Committee, who shall report on this subject next year.

Rev. E. W. Dwight, Dorus Clark, and Dudley Phelps, were appointed on this Committee.

The Committee on the state of religion presented their report which was accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee for revision and publication.

The Auditors' report was presented and adopted as follows :

The Auditing Committee report, that they have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct ; and that there is a deficiency in the Treasury of $29,16. No assessment has been received from the Franklin, Norfolk, and Pilgrim Associations. The sum due from these bodies, when paid, will go to meet the general expenses of this Association. The Committee recommend an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of the several district Associations as necessary to meet the expenses of this body.

The Committee on the subject of procuring more accurate statistics of the Churches, made the following report which was adopted:

Whereas the statistical returns of the Churches connected with this Association are exceedingly imperfect: therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates from the district Associations be earnestly requested to bring forward at the next meeting of their respective Associations, or as soon as convenient, the subject of the statistics of the Churches, and present to them the earnest request of this body, that they would take effectual measures to secure correct statistical returns.

The Committee on temperance made their report which was accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee to be printed under their direction.

Voted to hear at this time agents in behalf of the different benevolent objects.

Rev. Mr. Chickering proceeded to address the meeting on the claims of the Foreign Evangelical Association.

Rev. Mr. Badger presented a plea in favor of Home Missions.

Rev. Mr. Tyler made a statement respecting the great pecuniary necessities of Amherst College.

At the request of Rev. Mr. Holmes, agent of the American Bible Society, Rev. Mr. Edgell presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Ecclesiastical body consider the work in which the American Bible Society is engaged, as second to no portion of the benevolent operations of the day; and a work that must be fully sustained, or every other religious enterprise will suffer. Therefore it is earnestly recommended to every district Association to see that annual subscriptions are taken up in aid of the parent Society in supplying our widely extended country, and the opening demands of more distant and desolate portions of the world.

The regularly appointed preacher before this Association not being present, Rev. Dr. Snell was chosen to supply his place.

Voted that the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. Mr. Kimball and his Congregation, and to those families of other Congregations in this town, who have extended to us their hospitalities, for their kindness; and also to the choir of singers who have aided our devotions by their acceptable performance.

The following resolve in reference to a recent afflictive occurrence in this town was unanimously passed.

Whereas the funeral of Mrs. Lockwood, widow of one of our missionaries, is to take place at one o'clock this afternoon,

Resolved, That as far as practicable the members of this Association will attend the funeral solemnities.

Voted to adjourn till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and attended to the public religious services usually connected with the last session of this body. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Andrew of Connecticut. Rev. Dr. Snell of North Brookfield, preached the Associational Sermon from 1 Cor. 3: 12, 13. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, in which exercise Rev. Mr. Chickering of Portland and Rev. Mr. Phelps of Philadelphia made addresses and offered prayer.

After uniting in prayer with Rev. Mr. Storrs, the Association adjourned sine die.

PARSONS COOKE, *Moderator.*

DUDLEY PHELPS, *Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Seldom has our ecclesiastical year presented, in the review of it, so much to awaken gratitude, and so little to call forth our regret, as the year which is now closed. While to almost all the churches it has been a year of spiritual rest, a year happily characterized by the prevalence of christian harmony and affection, it has to many of them been a year of the "right hand of the Most High." We are permitted to record seasons of religious interest more numerous, and more interesting in their character and results than any which have occurred for several years past. This newly awakened interest has not been of that rapid and exciting character which some past revivals of religion have manifested; but its freedom from all extraneous measures and artificial excitements, its steady and long continuance under ordinary means of grace and the appropriate labors of the Pastors, make it a work exceedingly pleasant in its progress and one which gives promise of permanently invigorating the churches, and greatly adding to their strength, instead of exhausting their energies and preparing them for a subsequent period of spiritual dearth.

A very brief reference to the associational reports will present in a single view these and other characteristics of the past year:

"Most of the congregations in *Berkshire* Association are uncommonly full and interesting," while the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit have descended upon several of the churches. "The work has been most extensive in Williams-

town, in which place they number about fifty subjects of renewing grace in the congregation of the town, and forty more in the College." No foreign helps were employed as instrumental agencies, and "the Lord," say they, "has come among us, not in the whirlwind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire; but in the still small voice."

The churches connected with the Hampshire Association, although in the enjoyment of peace and external prosperity, report no special religious interest, except in Northampton, which fact the pastors seem properly to appreciate and apply. The interesting Seminary, however, within the limits of this Association has enjoyed two revivals of religion within the last twelve months, which have resulted in the hopeful conversion of nearly all the pupils.

Of the 26 churches connected with the Hampden Association, only three have enjoyed revivals of religion the past year. One of these revivals, which was the most powerful, commenced upon the last Thursday in February, a day consecrated to special prayer for our colleges and literary institutions; and all of them presented those happy features, to which allusion has already been made.

Brookfield Association report no general revival of religion. "It is believed, however, that the pastors of this Association are in a measure sensible of the condition of their respective churches; and that in a few of the churches there are favorable indications of returning life." Two pastors have been removed from this Association by death during the past year; the Rev. Wm. Eaton of Hardwick, who had sustained the toils of the Christian ministry through the meridian of life—and the Rev. Amasa Dewey of Storrsville, who had but just entered upon the sacred office. They gave indubitable proofs of a faithful ministry, and have ceased from their labors, in the full confidence and affection of their brethren.

"Since the commencement of the present year," says the report from the *Harmony Association*, "the Lord has changed our mournful state; many of our churches have enjoyed and are still enjoying precious seasons of spiritual refreshing, in connection with the stated means of grace."

Of the ten churches connected with "Worcester North Association," five have been visited with the special influences of the Holy Spirit. The revival in Westminster has been the most powerful. Its precious influences have ex-

tended to many errorists and opposers, and its progress has been characterized by a spirit of prayer, and by the success which has attended personal efforts with individuals and families.

The Middlesex Union Association report 18 churches within their limits, three of which have been formed during the year past. Several of the churches in this Association have shared richly in the effusions of the Spirit. In Westford, nearly one hundred have recently expressed hope in Christ, and the work is still in progress. The peace of some of these churches has been disturbed by a new sect of religionists, whose principles are exceedingly loose and unscriptural, and whose influence is wholly disorganizing.

"The Middlesex South Association have been affected during the past year in the death of the Rev. John N. Goodhue, an active, efficient, and zealous minister of Christ. He has we doubt not received a happy dismission from earthly toil, and gone to his Master and his reward. Some additions have been made to most of the fourteen churches embraced in this Association, and an improved state of things has been noticed in them all.

With a single exception the churches connected with the Woburn Association are all supplied with pastors, and more than half of these churches have enjoyed the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit during the last six months. The church in Woburn has been especially distinguished for the displays of divine grace. It is hoped that as many as one hundred individuals of all ages and of great variety of previous character, have been converted to Christ during the period mentioned. Forty-two have already been admitted to the church, and fifty stand propounded for admission in July.

The past year has been one of peculiar prosperity to the Andover Association. One new church has been organized in Lowell under very favorable auspices, and four pastors have been settled within the limits of the Association during the year. With two exceptions all the churches have stated pastors, and several of them, especially the churches in Lowell, have enjoyed rich revivals of religion.

The Essex North Association report no special religious interest during the year 1839, with the exception of an interesting revival in Georgetown. "But since the commencement of the present year, great things," say they, "have been done

for our churches. These revivals have not yet ceased, nor have their fruits been gathered in. They also report a pleasing change of public sentiment respecting the utility of a permanent ministry, and an increasing confidence in the common means of grace.

Salem and Vicinity Association report 24 churches within their limits, containing an aggregate of 4041 members. Three hundred and twenty-one were added during the past year. Several of the churches have been blessed with the special outpourings of the spirit, in which the number of hopeful conversions vary from twenty-four to ninety.

Nearly all the churches connected with the Suffolk North and Suffolk South Associations, have shared in the influences of the Spirit since the commencement of the year. In many of them these influences have been extensive and powerful. These Associations embrace the city of Boston and its immediate vicinity. They contain an aggregate of more than 5000 members, exclusive of the additions made since the commencement of the present seriousness. They are united in the bonds of christian harmony and affection, and under the outpouring of the Spirit of God they are exerting an influence upon the community around them, which is most salutary and increasingly powerful.

A large portion of the churches connected with the Taunton Association have been more or less favored with the presence of the Holy Spirit since the commencement of the year. The church in Fall River has been especially favored. The work has been more powerful and extensive in this place than in any other within the limits of the Association. Other churches have been greatly revived.

The Vineyard Sound Association report 12 churches containing 1242 members. They speak of the deleterious influence of frequent changes of pastors. Only two of these churches have the same pastors now that they had four years ago. And they inform us that the ordaining of a pastor for the term of a single year has ceased to be a novelty among them. There is however no diminution in the number of those who attend upon the public worship of God—infant baptism is receiving increased attention.

The Old Colony Association includes eleven churches, all of which are supplied with regular pastors. Since the commencement of the present year the Holy Spirit has descended

in his converting influence upon several of the churches, especially upon those in New Bedford. The work has been one of deep interest, but the results of it are not yet definitely known.

The following miscellaneous facts are gathered from the reports of the district Associations. The cause of temperance is slowly advancing, though in many places there is an apparent increase of vending and drinking, arising from the fact that what was secret through fear of the law, is now public because the present existing law is not feared. Sabbath-Schools in most of the churches are receiving increased attention, and in none is their interest or usefulness diminishing. We are happy to learn that the cause of education is receiving more attention, that institutions of every kind from the common school to the college are diffusing their blessings among the rising generation. We regret however to learn that Amherst College is embarrassed for want of pecuniary aid. We hope its wants will very soon be supplied by the liberal benefactions of the friends of science and religion. The cause of Christian benevolence is advancing, the contribution in aid of Foreign Missions in particular are much greater than they have been in any preceding year.

We would also distinctly and devoutly recognize the continued goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father in still permitting this Association to enjoy endeared fraternal intercourse with our sister churches in other parts of the land, through the representatives whom they have sent us, and to learn what the Supreme Head of the Church is accomplishing among them for their enlargement and for his own glory.

From the General Conference of Maine we are happy to learn that the cause of our common Lord and Redeemer, in that interesting and growing section of his church in this land, is steadily advancing from year to year; and that during the past year in particular, many very powerful and happy revivals of religion have been enjoyed, and are now in progress in their churches, making the wilderness, in some instances, a fruitful field and the desert places as the garden of the Lord; and that *all* the great interests of truth and godliness there, are receiving the manifest smiles of a faithful covenant-keeping God.

From the General Association of New Hampshire, we are also gratified to learn, that notwithstanding the operation of

various adverse influences, the institutions of religion are sustained generally with interest and increasing prosperity. In several of the churches, revivals of religion have recently occurred, and the towns most highly favored in this respect, have been among those in which the great number of the population and the prevalence of error rendered the more necessary that revivals should be enjoyed.

From the General Association of Connecticut, in like manner, cheering tidings have reached us ;—that during the past year, God has in much mercy continued to remember and bless His churches there ;—that he has vouchsafed to many of them seasons of refreshing from His presence in the form of revivals of his work among them ;—that he has disposed and is disposing the hearts of his people and his ministers there, to seek for peace and for things whereby one may edify another ; that he has extended the favor of his kind Providence to their venerated and beloved College, and to their various institutions, literary, benevolent, and theological ; and that there, as elsewhere, amid the churches of our land, a faithful application of all those means which he has appointed for the good of mankind, has not been in vain in the Lord.

From the General Convention of Vermont and from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, no official reports have been received.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, tidings of unwonted joy have gladdened our hearts in respect to the extended and powerful revivals which have been experienced there. Many thousands of converts to the Redeemer are spoken of as the hopeful results of these outpourings of the Spirit. And many of the great cities of our land have shared largely in these effusions of divine mercy. Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, Pittsburg, Cleaveland, Cincinnati, and New Orleans are particularly mentioned. To which we may add (from reports of New England bodies) Boston, Portsmouth, Dover, Portland, and many other large towns and cities in this part of our land.

In conclusion, then, surely we may say in view of the foregoing precious fruits of the Gospel of Christ, during the past year, " Behold what hath God wrought ;" and may be encouraged to put our confidence in Him for time to come.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the Churches under their care:—

Brethren and Friends,—

Agreeably to the usage of this General Association we now present you with our Annual Address. We have assumed this responsibility, we trust, in the fear of God, and with an affectionate desire for the welfare of the Churches. We doubt not that the feelings of interest and Christian brotherhood which animate our hearts, will be cordially reciprocated.

The past year has been distinguished for revivals of religion. In many of the churches which we represent God has appeared in his glory. Spiritual blessings have been poured down, ministers have been encouraged, and strengthened, and led forward in their holy work with increased faithfulness and delight; professed Christians, who had sometime slumbered, have been waked up to a sense of their high responsibility, and become efficient auxiliaries in the cause of Christ; and multitudes of impenitent sinners—the respectable moralist—the hardened infidel—the child in the Sabbath-School, and the old man of three score years and ten, have been hopefully converted to God. In this work of grace, the still small voice, as witnessed in the solemn countenance and silent tear, rather than the fire or the earthquake, has demonstrated the divine presence; and the general ultimate effects, so far as known, have been righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

For these displays of mercy, which have so refreshed our Zion and gladdened our hearts, we invite you, dear brethren, to unite with us, in offerings of devout thankfulness to the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with whom is the dispensation of the Spirit, and from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift.

But while we rejoice with you that God has thus visited so many of our churches, we learn, with humility, that others have experienced no special divine influence, or have been left like the mountains of Gilboa on which there was neither rain nor dew. Yet we know that the Spirit of the Lord is not straitened; and whenever God's people bring all the tithes into the storehouse, a rich and copious blessing will descend.

With this view before us, dear brethren, we would invite your attention to the importance of revivals of religion; and then to some considerations which we hope will promote them.

We live in a day of wonders, and the signs of the times portend still greater events. What the consequent results will be to the cause of Christ, we know not. We are assured, however, that He who holds the moral elements in his hand, will overrule them for his own glory and the good of his church. But to say nothing of other things, it is evident that the modern increased facilities of individual and national intercourse, and the multiplied means of education which are enjoyed by all classes of the community, if suffered to be controlled by an unsanctified public opinion, will soon become a mighty hindrance to the advancement of our Zion. In the present improved state of society what are the facts? Notwithstanding the glorious succession of revivals which have blessed our churches for forty years, and the effusions of the Spirit upon our congregations, Sabbath-schools, and seminaries of learning the past year; yet error and irreligion in various forms, and perhaps to as great an extent as ever, prevail among us; desecrating our Sabbath, corrupting our youth, lulling into security and alluring onward vast multitudes to a hopeless eternity, setting at defiance the power of the gospel to purify and reclaim, and treating with contumely many of the precious doctrines and ordinances of our holy religion.

How then can the gospel be made successfully to oppose and turn back this flood of ungodliness which is rolling in

upon us? The answer is plain. In no other way but by the accompanying influences of the Spirit, with greater frequency and larger measures upon our churches.

The Holy Spirit must penetrate the heart of our community; must inspire lukewarm professors with new life, and arrest the unregenerate in our congregations, villages, and towns,—give a healthful tone to public sentiment, appropriate the present extended facilities of evil to the interests of Christ's kingdom, and multiply converts with a rapidity, and power, and to an extent beyond all former precedent. This sentiment is strengthened from the consideration that revivals have probably furnished more than two thirds of the living ministers and members of our churches; and that during the present century, with all the blessed efficiency which has attended the means of grace, the church has done little more than to hold her own. But the cause of Christ is destined to advance. It is ultimately, and as we hope, at no distant day, to bring into subserviency the energies, and become the governing principle, not of a state only, but of the whole world.

The importance of revivals is affectingly illustrated also, in the annual death of thousands among us, without God and without hope. Yet these thousands, many of whom are removed from the family altar and the gate of heaven, are hardly to be named in comparison with the unsanctified portion of the twenty-five millions of our race who every year, are called to their last account. And with the same amount of sanctifying influence that the church has of late years enjoyed, what countless myriads must yet perish, before the Millennium!

And here it should not be forgotten, that the facts which illustrate the infinite importance of revivals, illustrate also in the same degree, the necessity of christian effort. Extensive and continued displays of saving grace are no more to be expected without fervent believing prayer, religious instruction, and holy living on the part of God's people, than a rich harvest without cultivation.

As considerations which may justify the hope of successful christian effort to promote pure revivals of religion, we mention first: a more self denying consecration to Christ, than generally exists in our churches at the present day.

In the primitive age of the church, Christians literally and with entire purpose consecrated themselves and all their possessions to the cause of Christ.

They felt they were not their own, but his, who had died to redeem them; and they denied themselves, took up their cross daily, and followed him. Under the influence of this deep and fixed impression they went forth, and labored to advance the cause they so much loved, and the Holy Ghost went with them, making the word and means quick and powerful; sinners by hundreds and thousands were converted, "and the religion of the cross spread in a few centuries, over the greater part of the then known world."

Christians also in the days of Luther and the Reformers, partook largely of the same spirit. They felt and acted on the principle, that their grand business was to glorify Christ by spending their lives in his service. Many even, like the Apostle, counted not their lives dear to themselves; for their hearts were in heaven. Controlled by this spirit of entire consecration, their labors were blessed in the conversion of thousands of sinners; and finally in the establishment of the Protestant Religion.

This spirit likewise characterized many of our Pilgrim Fathers. "It was for the church and posterity that they came to these ends of the earth." And revivals commenced almost from the first settlement of the country.

May it not then be reasonably expected, at the present day, that if this principle of entire consecration existed in the hearts of Christians generally, there would be greater displays of converting and sanctifying grace? The man who is the most sensibly and constantly under its influence, is the one, other things being equal, who will accomplish the most for the glory of Christ and the good of his fellow-men. It identifies the soul with the interests of Christ's kingdom, and furnishes high motive for persevering and holy action. There is, however, in this striving age of worldly enterprise and political commotion, peculiar danger, that the heart will be drawn away from Christ. Hence the necessity, brethren, as you would honor Christ in the salvation of sinners, of living every hour under the impression that, "ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are Gods."

Consistency of christian character, is also necessary to successful effort for the promotion of religion. It is not every devoted Christian, who exhibits the principles of the gospel in their most harmonious and attractive form. Some, from pre-

judice or education, make a few points in duty paramount to all others, and while by their devotedness they may do much good, they are the occasion at least, by their inconsistency, of much evil. But to effect the most good, you must convince the world that you believe the whole gospel; and that you practice what you believe, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." "By their fruits ye shall know them." Impenitent men judge, and they have a right to judge of Christians by their external character; and if they discover a very perceptible difference between our profession and practice, they will regard us as deceived, or hypocritical, and will not, probably, be converted through our instrumentality.

But there is an excellence in religion, which, when properly exhibited, commends itself to every man's conscience. Let the friends of Christ, as they profess to be governed wholly by the principles of the gospel, be strict and conscientious in their attendance on all its ordinances and duties; let them statedly fill their places in the sanctuary, and promote by their presence all other meetings which they regard as beneficial to religion; let them labor for the peace of the church, sustain the ministry, and show to the world their faith in the efficacy and excellence of the gospel by contributing liberally to send it to the destitute, and by doing what they can to bring under its benign and sanctifying influence both at home and abroad the unregenerate of our race. In their dealings and intercourse with one another and all men, let them be actuated by the principles of inflexible integrity and honesty, remembering that, "he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much;" and with the spirit of enlarged benevolence and charity—long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, let their lives be an exact transcript of the principles they profess, and they would exhibit the spirit of the gospel in a harmonious consistency which would command the respect and admiration of the world.

The last consideration for the promotion of revivals to which we invite your attention is:—the proper observance of Christian discipline in the churches.

The efficiency of a church depends principally on the holiness of its members; and when they have become so remiss in duty as to retain the immoral or unworthy in their fellowship and communion, a revival of religion is not to be ex-

pected. The infected members unless speedily healed or removed, affects the whole body, and experience proves, that whenever churches neglect or pervert the wholesome discipline of the gospel, they become themselves lukewarm, and possessed only of a name to live. Their influence of course, is most injurious upon the world. They are dishonored, and inefficient; and can no more come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, or stand before their enemies, than could the host of Israel when they had an Achan in their camp.

But let a church by a well-directed course of Christian discipline, purify itself of unworthy members, either by bringing them to repentance, or removing them from its fellowship, and that church is comparatively strong. Its members, it is to be expected, in all essential things are of one heart, and that now there lives in that heart a spirit of humility, penitence, and prayer. From the sins of others who professed love to Christ, they learn their own; and are led to reflect, and watch, and strive, and pray, lest they also fall into temptation. This feeling of their own weakness and dependence is evidence of spiritual life and strength, and when their hearts are alive unto God, they are ready to labor for the salvation of men. Upon a church thus purified, unbelievers around, may look, but they can discover no just cause of reproach. It now stands distinguished from their company; and the greater distance a church is from the maxims, fashions, and spirit of the world, the greater its efficiency in the cause of Christ.

And now, dear brethren, by a prayerful attention to these considerations, may we not hope for copious and extensive blessings upon our churches? And should you not feel that a great work is before you, and that you are bound individually to do your part in performing it?

When you contemplate the infinite love of Christ in his condescension and death for sinners, and your own obligations as redeemed and sanctified; when you think of the perishing multitudes around you, and of the perishing millions abroad, and that the loss of one soul only, is infinitely more to be deplored than all finite misery; you surely have the highest motives for immediate, persevering, and holy effort, to glorify Christ in the salvation of sinners.

"We beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present yourselves, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Treasurer's Report.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 25, 1840.	Received from District Associations, as follows, viz.		
	Berkshire Association,	$10 00	
	Franklin,		
	Hampshire,	11 50	
	Hampden,	11 00	
	Brookfield,	8 00	
	Harmony,	5 50	
	Worcester Central,	8 50	
	Worcester North,	3 50	
	Middlesex Union,	7 50	
	Middlesex South,	5 00	
	Woburn,	4 00	
	Andover,	3 50	
	Essex North,	8 50	
	Salem and Vicinity,	10 50	
	Suffolk North,	8 50	
	Suffolk South,	7 00	
	Norfolk,		
	Taunton,	7 00	
	Old Colony,	5 50	
	Pilgrim,		
	Brewster,	3 50	
	Vineyard Sound,	4 50	131 00

Contra, Dr.

June 26, 1839.	To deficiency in Treasury,	16 81	
	To postage on package to London,	50	
" 25, 1840.	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	9 22	
	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for General Association, for printing 900 copies of Minutes for 1839,	133 25	
	Freight on bundle from Portland,	38	160 16
	Deficiency in Treasury,		$29 16

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above and find it correct.

NATHAN MUNROE, DANIEL O. MORTON, *Auditing Committee.*

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1840.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms		Sab. Sc. & Bible Class
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Adams North,	J. Alder, D. D.	Stated supply.	47	89	136		3	3						4	150
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	Stated supply.	1	4	5	1	4	5			1	1			60
Becket,	Joseph L. Mills,	June 5, 1806	41	92	133	3	2	5	8	3		11	6		107
Dalton,	Harper Boice,	June 17, 1835													
Egremont,	Vacant,		13	38	51	2	1	3	1	3		4		2	32
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	39	133	172	4	8	12	3	12		15	3	5	235
Hinsdale,	W. A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	39	83	122		2	2	1	1		2		8	150
Lanesboro',															
Lee,	Vacant,		137	219	356	1	3	4	7	7		14		5	130
Lenox,	Samuel Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	122	192	314		1	1	8	2		10		11	185
Mt. Washington,															
New Marlboro', North,	Vacant,														
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	18	47	65		1	1							
Otis,															
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	87	120	207		1	1	2	15		17		2	250
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	158	326	458	1	6	7	10	24		34	1	13	379
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	June 20, 1838	44	94	138		5	5	1	2	3	6		4	
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	51	147	198	5		5	2	5		7	1	6	200
Sheffield,	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	59	180	239	9	10	19	7	7		14	6	15	233
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clark,	June 15, 1837	66	189	255	1	10	11	2			2	1	3	265
" Curtisville,	J. Hurlburt,	Nov. 22, 1838													
Tyringham South,	A. C. Page,	April 26, 1837	49	75	124					2		2			100
Washington,	Vacant,		14	24	38	1		1						1	50
West Stockbridge,															
" Village,	Vacant,														
Williamstown,	Vacant,		190	253	443		5	5	4	8	4	16			
" South,	Vacant,		20	41	61	2	2	4							30
" College,	M. Hopkins, D. D.														
Windsor, 1st,	P. Clark,	Sept. 30, 1835	24	52	76					5		5		5	145
New Concord, N. Y.	J. B. Baldwin,														
New Canaan,	J. Jay Dana,	Stated supply.	22	55	77		2	2	1		1	2			60
New Lebanon,	John G. Hall,	Stated supply.	27	42	69	5	7	12	3	2		5	1		100

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Amherst, 1st,															
" 2d,	Nathan Perkins,	Oct. 10, 1810	67	135	202	2	3	5	3	8		11	2	6	170
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	48	81	129	16	3	19	3	6		9	2	13	250
" South,	Gideon Dana,	Jan. 3, 1838	38	73	111	9	2	11	2	9	1	12		11	140
" College,	Heman Humphrey,	Feb. 28, 1823													
Belchertown,	Jared Reid,	Sept. 4, 1833													
" Brainard Chh.	George A. Oviatt,	Aug. 29, 1838													
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 18, 1835	32	85	117	5	2	7	4	8		12	1		261
Cumington,	Royal Reed,														
East Hampton,	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	77	146	223	4	10	14	8	3		11	1	8	275
Enfield,	John Whiton,	Sept. 13, 1837													
Goshen,	John C. Thompson,	Oct. 4, 1837	29	68	97		8	8	1	9		10		2	150
Granby,	——— Bates,	April 29, 1840													
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	36	78	114	1	6	6	3	5		8	1	4	220
Hadley,	Francis Danforth,														
" Upper Mills,															
Hatfield,	——— Neal,	April 16, 1840													
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840													
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,														
Northampton,	Charles E. Wiley,	Nov. 8, 1837													
" Edwards,	John Mitchell,	Dec. 8, 1836			202	18	10	28		13		13			
Pelham,															
Plainfield,															
Prescott,	Francis Wood,														
South Hadley,	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835	75	174	249	5	22	27	7	8		15		17	250
" Canal,	——— Thayer,														
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	133	264	397	2	8	10	7	10		17		10	
Westhampton,	Amos Drury,	June 29, 1837			146	2	3	5	5	4		9		5	
Whateley,	John Ferguson,	March 16, 1836													
Williamsburg,	William Lusk,	Jan. 19, 1836	100	183	283	1	4	5	7	11		18		7	300
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	67	107	174	3	13	16	2	5	3	10	1	5	300

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	48	117	165	1		1	5	5		10		2	150
Chester,	S. W. Edson,	Stated supply.	60	101	161	2	2	4	3	2		5	1	5	160
Granville, East,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	45	99	144	1		1	1	2		3			150
" Middle,	Vacant,		34	55	89				1			1			60
Longmeadow,	H. Beebe,	Oct. 18, 1837	51	99	150	2	4	6	2	1		3		10	165
" East,	M. Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	36	72	108	4	1	5	1	10	1	12		2	194
Ludlow,	Alonzo Sanderson,	Jan. 2, 1839	69	119	188	1	3	3					1	2	130
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	155	273	428	4	14	18	3	11		14	1	8	400
Montgomery,	Vacant,		15	50	65										40
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Stated supply.	46	82	128	4		4		7	1	8	1	11	100
Palmer,	Samuel Backus,	Jan. 12, 1832	50	131	181	4	2	6	2	6		8	2	6	230
Russell,	Vacant,				15										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838			71	10	3	13	3	7		10	5	5	40
Springfield,	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809			533										300
" Chickopee,	Eli B. Clarke,	Oct. 16, 1839	27	58	85	2	1	3	1	5		6	1	2	100
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	45	88	133		1	1		5		5		7	230
" Chickopee Falls,	Dorus Clarke,	March 4, 1835	28	88	116	7	14	21	2	12		14	2		155
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	27	70	97	7	21	28	2	6		8	5	8	150
Tolland,	E. Taylor,	Stated supply.	15	35	50										40
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp, / Emerson Davis,	Nov. 6, 1803 / June 1, 1836	98	274	372	22	11	33	11	8		19	6	9	350
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	90	190	280	82	11	93	3	8		11	36	10	350
" Ireland,	Hervey Smith,	1833	23	58	81										100
" Agawam,	R. S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	67	95	162	4	9	13	2			2	3	3	80
" Feeding Hills,	E. Noble,	Stated supply.	18	42	60										50
Wilbraham, North,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	60	115	175	21	4	25		5		5	2	6	130
" South,	James A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	42	40	82										96
		Totals,	1109	2313	4119	178	100	278	42	100	2	144	67	96	3920

Not Pastors.—Calvin Foote, Westfield; George Nichols, Springfield.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	Stated supply.													
Bernardston,	Theophilus Packard,	Stated supply.	22	38	60		34	34		4		4		2	88
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	56	105	161	2	2	4	6	4		10	1	5	200
Charlemont,	—— Smith,	Oct. 1839													
Colerain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837													
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	99	203	302	2	4	6	3	9	1	13	1	6	240
Deerfield,	Pomroy Belden,	Stated supply.	18	48	66	17	1	18					2	1	70
Erving,															
Gill,	Josiah Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839													
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	12	32	44										
" 2d,	Samuel Washburn,	Aug. 2, 1837	33	80	113	2	10	12	4	7		11		5	75
Hawley, East,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834													
" West,	Moses Miller,	Stated supply.													
Heath,	Moses Miller,	Dec. 26, 1804													
	Calvin Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	62	113	175	3	2	5	4	26		30		7	200
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov 26, 1839													
New Salem,*	Erastus Curtis,	Oct. 23, 1834													
Northfield,	H. J. Lombard,	July 20, 1836	20	62	82	2	6	8	2	2		4	1	2	
Orange,*															
Rowe,	Andrew Govan,	Sept. 4, 1838	13	26	39		7	7	1	1		2		1	105
Shelburn,	Theop. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	Theop. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	57	113	170		3	3	2	5		7		2	255
Shutesbury,*															
South Deerfield,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	55	99	154	1	10	11	2	4		6		5	
Sunderland,	†Solomon B. Ingram,	Dec. 28, 1836	69	120	189		1	1	2	6		8		6	244
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	19	42	61	4	1	5	4	4		8		6	
Wendell,	Salmon Bennett,	May 2, 1838	70	115	185	1	3	4	1	5		6		4	200

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* No report.

† Died June 2d, 1840.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
New Braintree,	John Fisk,	Oct. 26, 1796	36	105	141	1	5	6	1	1		2	3		175
Brookfield, North,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	77	163	240		5	5	5	3		8		8	430
" South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
	W. A. Nichols,	Sept. 12, 1838	32	69	101	6	7	13		2		2	4	18	100
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Nov. 1, 1837	82	166	248	1	10	11	1	5		6		8	315
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	26	85	111	2	3	5	2	4		6	1	5	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786													
	James Kimball,	Dec. 24, 1832	52	121	173	19	6	25	6	9		15	11	13	320
Brookfield, West,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	147	265	412	27		27	10	5		15	7	16	300
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	45	99	144	13	5	23	2	5		7	13	14	180
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	34	92	126	5		5	2			2			255
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 1, 1839	110	203	313	2	10	12	3	30		33		6	325
*Ware, East,	J. E. Woodbridge,	May 2, 1833													
" West,	Vacant,		32	100	132	14	4	18	1	9	1	11	1	3	150
Barre,	Samuel A. Fay,	May 10, 1837	68	125	193	2	3	5	6	12	1	19	1	3	260
Holland,	James Sanford,	Stated supply.	17	48	65		1	1		1		1			65
Dudley,	Walter Follett,	Nov. 2, 1837	58	133	191		3	3	2	1		1		5	175
Hardwick,	Barnabas Fay,	May 20, 1840	50	100	150	10	2	12	5	6		11			150
Petersham, (Storrsville)	Vacant,		7	19	26	2		2	1			1	2	1	60
Charlton,	G. W. Underwood,	Feb. 12, 1840	17	61	78				4	5		9			100
		Totals,	890	1954	2844	109	64	173	51	97	2	149	43	100	3390

*Not reported.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Douglass, 1st chh.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	26	79	105				3	3	1	7		2	80
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	66	145	211	7	6	13	1	6		7	1	5	300
Hopkinton,	John C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	36	98	132	7	6	13	3	4		7	3	7	200
Millbury, 1st cong. chh.	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	46	109	155	1	1	2	4	12		16	3	2	156
Northbridge,	Lewis Pennel,	April 3, 1839	37	66	103				1	5		6		1	100
" Village,	Michael Burdett,	April 18, 1835	22	54	76	2							2	5	100
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	64	159	223				6	1		7		4	280
*Upton,	Benjamin Wood,														
Uxbridge,	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	54	185	239	4		4	2	7		9	4	3	260
Westborough,	C. B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	99	223	322	5	12	17	7	11	1	19	2	9	508
Webster,	S. Holman,	Oct. 31, 1838	28	29	57	1	2	3		1		1		3	90
		Total,	478	1147	1623	27	27	54	27	50	2	72	15	41	2074

*Not reported.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	56	141	197	4	7	11	4	25		29	3	12	200
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	83	143	226	6	4	10	6	19		25	4	9	203
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	89	151	235	18	2	20	4	9		13	4	9	375
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	60	121	181		2	2	5	3	1	9		7	130
Shrewsbury,	George Allen,	Nov. 19, 1823	84	156	240										300
Paxton,	I. D. Farnsworth,	April 30, 1835	40	79	119	4	3	7	3	2		5	2	2	150
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	85	187	272		4	4	1	12	1	14		3	300
East Douglass,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835			85		4	4		4		4		3	200
Worcester, 1st par.	R. A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			330	2	3	5	4	17		21		13	300
" Calvinistic,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1833	82	187	269	7	17	24	4	10		14	3	6	300
" Union,	E. Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	63	83	146	16	44	60	3	9		12	11	4	344
Holden,	William P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	158	267	426		2	2	4	10	2	16		16	300
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	50	80	130	6	3	9	5	11	1	12	5	3	200
Northboro',	Vacant,		21	53	74			5		1		1	1	2	164
Boylston,	William H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	64	124	188	4		4	2	2		4	3	10	175
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	83	165	248	14	13	27	3	9		12	3	5	350
Berlin,	Robert Carver,	Nov. 21, 1838	32	50	82	18	1	19	3		1	4	6	9	175
Princeton,	Willard M. Harding,	May 20, 1840				50		50							175
		Total,	1050	1937	3508	149	109	269	51	143	6	195	45	112	4341

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832			237										200
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	77	143	220	5	6	11	5	2		7	1	9	216
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824			205										100
Petersham,	Vacant,				86										
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	64	140	204		2	2	5	4		9			250
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	85	113	198										200
" South,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	21	35	56	5	7	12		2		2	2	2	125
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	30	62	92	7	4	11	2	3		5	6	19	160
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	98	218	316*	12	14	26	3	7		10	1	4	250
Winchendon,	D. O. Morton,	March 2, 1836	76	157	233	4	2	6	3	4	1	8	2		220
10		Total,	374	725	3189	28	29	57	13	20	1	34	11	25	1505

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Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Joseph Chickering and Rev. Columbus Shumway.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Acton,	James T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	83	132	215	3	7	10	5	10		15	2	3	250
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839			159	3	2	5	3	5		8			125
Bolton,	Vacant,		32	68	100										90
Boxboro',	Vacant,		29	51	80										125
Carlisle,	Preserved Smith,	Aug. 31, 1836	10	34	44										75
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	36	70	106	10	1	11	4		2	6	2	4	150
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 3, 1838	101	230	331	9	15	24	4	10		14	3	29	507
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	88	131	219	5	1	6	2	23	4	29	2	11	180
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	111	157	1	1	2	4	6	1	11		3	165
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	13	32	50	1		1						1	175
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	38	85	123	1	1	2					1	10	200
Littleton,	Vacant,		13	19	32										
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	15	36	51	7	4	11		1		1	1	5	116
Pepperell,	James Howe, / David Andrews,	Oct. 16, 1822 / Jan. 29, 1840	147	251	398	18	5	23	11	6		17	10	10	450
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	19	57	76		3	3	1			1		4	140
Stow,	E. Porter Dyer,														
Townsend,	David Stowell,	June 28, 1837	112	221	333	46	7	53	3	8		11	18	13	312
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1837	48	108	156	13	4	17	4	11		15	6	9	250

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MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Concord,	James Means,	Jan. 8, 1840	19	74	93	8	1	9	1	7		8	3	7	100
Framingham, Hollis	David Kellogg, D. D.	Jan. 10, 1781													
Evan. Church,	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	55	150	205		1	1	2	5		7		7	190
Holliston,	John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	54	130	184	12	5	17	2	4	2	8	5	10	250
Marlborough,	Vacant,		40	104	144	3	5	8	2	6		8	1	5	250
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	24	77	101	4		4	3	3		6	1	4	140
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	50	115	165	2	4	6	2	2	2	6	2	12	120
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	50	107	157		6	6	1	5		6		3	325
Needham, West,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	24	76	100				3	4		7		3	150
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	8	38	46	6	5	11	1	5		6	1	2	150
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1833	55	106	161	4	3	7	10	8		18	1	4	150
Southboro',	Jacobs Cummings,	March 1, 1838	40	68	108	7		7	1	5		6	5	7	250
Sudbury,	Vacant,														
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	23	46	69	2	5	7							100
Wayland,	Lavius Hyde,	July 22, 1835	14	66	80	6	2	8		1		1	1	3	94
Total, 14	13		456	1157	1613	54	37	91	23	55	4	87	23	67	2267

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	1822	136	360	496	8	8	16	4	8		12	2	12	500
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	1814	30	61	91	1		1	1			1			60
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	1833	89	148	237	6	5	11	6	2		8	1	6	250
" South,	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,	Vacant,		21	52	73				6		2	8			150
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	1829													
Tewksbury,	G. Coggin,	1806	50	131	186				1	3		4		4	220
Bedford,	J. Leavitt,				154	4	4	8	4	1	1	6	2	13	
Billerica,	J. Haven,	1836													
		Totals,	326	752	1237	19	17	36	22	14	3	49	5	35	1180

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Lowell, 1st,	A. Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	73	618	691	31	33	64		170		170	11	5	550
" Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	83	412	495	41	34	75	1	138		139	25	12	633
" John-st.	S. W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	50	203	253	243	10	253	1	4		5			601
Andover, South par.	J. S. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	157	348	505	4	11	15	4	19		23	3	19	450
" West "	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	69	145	214	31	12	43	5	1		6	9	12	300
" North "	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	17	57	74	3	3	6		6		6	3	6	200
" Chapel chh.	J. Edwards,	Sept. 1836			115			22							150
North Reading,	J. Orcutt,	July 12, 1837	22	52	74	1								3	100
North Chelmsford,	B. F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	10	18	23		11	11		2		2			70
Dracut, West,	Vacant,		16	58	74										125
" Evan. chh.	Vacant,		34	104	138										
Methuen,	J. C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	60	140	200				3			3			242
12		Total,	591	2155	2361	354	104	489	14	340		354	51	59	3411

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	L. W. Clark,	Nov. 1, 1837	57	106	163	2	3	5	2		2	4	2	7	150
" Mills,	Vacant,														
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	22	50	72	12	3	15	4	3		7	12		125
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	58	117	175	1	4	5	2	3		5		4	250
" East,	G. B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	84	119	203	11	2	13	1	2		2	3	2	215
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833													
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797	66	96	162	30	5	35	1	4			18	4	250
Haverhill,	E. A. Lawrence,	May 8, 1839			119	8	2	10	1	2	1	4	4	6	167
" North,	Vacant,														
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	14	32	46					3		3		2	66
" West,	A. Cross,	June 18, 1831	32	83	115	1		1		1		1		1	135
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806													
" Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816													
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	49	102	151	9	4	13		2		2	4	3	140
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. chh.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819			360	12	6	18	3	1		13	4	21	270
" Temple-st. "	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837	99	197	296	28	3	31	6	2		8	9		404
Rowley,	Willard Holbrook,	July 22, 1818	33	67	100	6	2	8	4	2		6	5	2	175
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B. Sawyer,	Stated supply.			52	1		1							75
W. Newbury, East,	Vacant,														
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	58	129	187	3	3	6	1	7	3	11	1	6	150

SALEM AND VICINITY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Beverly, 3d chh.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	69	169	238	5	2	7	1	6		7			
" Washington-st.	Wm. Bushnell,	Jan. 3, 1838	28	90	118	5	3	8	2			2		13	30
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	14	37	56	19	3	22	3			3	10	2	150
N. Beverly, 1st Eva. ch.	John Foote,	Stated supply.	3	22	25	1	1	2	2			2	1	6	46
Danvers, North,	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	52	139	191	2	3	5							
" South,	Vacant,		25	144	169										
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	43	88	131	24	1	25	2	1	2	5	12	7	225
Topsfield,	James F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	59	134	193	41	3	44	5	8		13	30	8	150
Saugus,	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	6	16	22		1	1						8	80
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	36	70	106	4	7	11	2	3	2	7		7	130
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 23, 1826	29	121	150	9	2	11	2	4		6	4	9	200
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	52	28	150	27	2	29	1			1	6	15	170
Salem, Tabernacle chh.	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	100	330	430	29	11	40	5	7		12	16	16	540
" South Society,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	56	261	317	4	2	6	3			3	3	25	480
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	38	86	124										
" Crombie-st.	A. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	44	154	198	1		1	3			3			
Lynnfield,	H. S. Green,	Dec. 27, 1837	18	36	54	6	5	11	2	4		6		5	
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	62	263	325	9	1	10		4		4	1	21	275
Gloucester,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	13	68	81	4	1	5							
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	125	210	335	57	2	59	3	4		7	20	38	378
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	73	209	282	90		90	1	1		2			360
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	26	84	110										
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	42	124	166	6	8	14						3	250

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SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Boston, Pine-st.	Artemas Boies,	Dec. 10, 1834	82	209	291	9	19	23	2	10	2	14	3	7	300
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	105	360	465	21	10	31	6	20	2	28	10	10	370
" Park-st.	Silas Aikin,	March 22, 1837	121	359	480	6	29	35	5	13	1	19	3	14	200
" Mariners,	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	62	58	120	18	3	21	2	1	1	4	2	15	124
Phillips chh. S. Boston,	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827													
Brighton,	Samuel Lamson,	Sept. 20, 1837	47	100	147	22	10	32	7	4	1	12	6	12	166
Dedham,	Eben. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	60	191	251				2	5		7		7	300
Roxbury,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 25, 1835													
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	15	41	56		2	2	1	1		2		3	90
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1823	31	102	133	1	1	2	3	3	1	7		5	90
Totals, 10	10		523	1420	1943	77	74	151	28	87	8	93	24	73	1640

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Cogswell, D. D., Louis Dwight, David Greene, Joseph S. Clark.

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	31	158	189	6	2	8	2	2	1	5	2	16	213
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 23, 1836	203	258	461	6	5	11	2	9	1	12	2	5	150
" Salem-st.	J. H. Towne,		120	274	394	9									
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 26, 1832	203	360	563	20	23	43	3	31	1	35	12	24	300
" Franklin-st.	Wm. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	80	143	223	13	11	24	1	5		6	7	18	217
" East,	W. W. Newell,	Aug. 19, 1837			60	7	6	13							
Cambridge, Shepard ch.	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	43	100	143	4	7	11		1		1	3	13	175
" Port,	Wm. A. Stearns,	Dec. 11, 1831	46	107	153	4	14	18	4	5		9	2	12	200
Charlestown, 1st chh.	W. J. Budington,	April 22, 1840													
" Winthrop,	Daniel Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	63	128	191	2	17	19	4	11	1	16	3	8	300
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1833	54	110	164	17	11	28					9	21	250
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	16	52	68	2		2	1	2		3		2	97
Newton, 1st,					162				2	14		16			122
" 2d,	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1826			90			1	1	1	1	3			75
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838	20	130	140	6	5	11	1	6		7	1	7	130
Chelsea,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Nov. 20, 1839	15	33	48		2	2						1	30

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Aaron Warner, Rev. Mr. Wilbur, Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadly, Asa Bullard, and Seth Bliss.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Abington,	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	37	64	101	6	1	7	2	48		50	3	5	146
Braintree,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	44	137	181	2	2	4	1			1		11	165
" South,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830			43	1	2	3						3	163
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	66	130	196	1	2	3	4			4		8	200
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	32	54	86	1		1					1	2	40
Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	Sept. 3, 1833	17	11	88		3	3	2			2		1	150
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836			113	2		2			1	1	1	2	95
Dorchester,	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	78	239	317	2	19	21	5	4		9		17	125
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1833													
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	1810													
E. and W. Bridgewater	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	36	66	102	1	1	2						3	200
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	52	68				3			3		4	90
Milton,	S. W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	29	99	128	12	1	13	2	3		5	1	9	100
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 1835													
" South par.	D. Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840													
Quincy,	Vacant,														
Randolph,	Calvin Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	52	75	127	2	2	4	3			3		2	150
" East,	Dennis Powers,	1838													
Sharon,	L. R. Eastman,	Nov. 15, 1837	30	72	102	1	1	2	3			3		5	75
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	47	136	183	4	2	6	3			3	4	1	200
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838													
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 1840													

Without Pastoral Charge.—W. M. Cornell.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836			224	24	5	29	2			2	13	17	368
" West,*	Vacant,				101										130
Berkley,*	Vacant,				91										220
Dighton,	John Shaw,	Stated supply.	11	29	40		4	4		1		1		2	77
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	85	190	275		5	5		12		12		12	650
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	9	27	36		2	2	1			1		5	70
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 6, 1817	44	94	138					1		1			125
" and Taunton so.	Homer Barrows,	June 1, 1836	33	65	98		2	2	2			2			120
Norton,	Cyrus W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	33	84	117	4		4		1		1	3	3	200
Pawtucket,	C. Blodget,	July 27, 1836	38	140	170	6	2	8	3	4	1	8	2	10	280
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	30	100	130	6	1	7	2			2			130
Rehoboth,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	26	55	81	2		2	1	2		3	1	1	130
Scotland, Bridgewater,	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	9	30	39					1		1			78
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1821	25	76	101	1	1	2	1			1		5	96
Taunton,	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 1826	71	209	280	10	7	17	4	7	2	13	3	9	350
" West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	34	105	139	9	2	11	2			2	3	9	162
" Spring-st.*	S. Hopkins Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837			73										125
Totals, 17	15				1941	62	31	93	18	29	3	50	25	73	3331

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Thomas Andros and William J. Breed.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Dartmouth,	Charles S. Adams,	1838	22	70	92	12	3	20			2		3	1	70
New Bedford, 1st chh.	D. C. Burt,	1835	11	35	46	2	2	4						3	30
" North,	S. Holmes,	1810													
	T. M. Smith,	1839			336	12		12							
" Trinitarian,	J. A. Roberts,	1832	20	57	77		2	2	1	1				2	96
Fair Haven,	Wm. Gould,	1823													
	Jacob Roberts,	1839	100	200	300										
Rochester, 1st chh.	J. Bigelow,	1827	25	84	109				2	4					120
" 2d chh.	T. Robbins, D. D.	1832	62	104	166	4		4	2	1					120
" 3d chh.	Isaac Briggs,		10	30	40										
" 4th chh.	O. Cobb, D. D.	1799							2					2	34
	Leander Cobb,	Stated supply.	14	35	49									13	
Wareham,	S. Nott, Jr.	1829	48	108	156	4		4	7	2					
Middleboro',	I. W. Putnam,		52	159	211										
	Total,				1632	34	12	46	14	11	2		3	26	570

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.—*No Report.*

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Nantucket,	G. K. Partridge,	1839	80	300	380										600
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	70	186	256	11	2	13	5	2		7	1	22	300
" North,	J. Pike,	Stated supply.	27	46	74	4		4					2	7	60
" East,	Vacant,		25	42	67										
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	March 31, 1831	64	129	193	2		2	3		1	4	2	3	121
Monument,	S. W. Colburn,	Stated supply.	11	39	50									2	40
Barnstable, West,	Alfred Greenwood,	May 13, 1836	43	111	154				3			3		4	85
" South,*															
Marshpee,	Phineas Fish,	Sept. 1811	2	17	19	1		1							45
Edgartown,	J. H. Thomas,	Stated supply.			101	4	5	9	2	5		7	1	11	79
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	July 19, 1835	13	33	46	2		2	1			1			30
Chilmark,	Vacant,														
1 2		Totals,	335	951	1237	20	7	27	14	7	1	22	4	42	1360

*Re-organized since January 1840.

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1840.			Admissions in 1839.			Removals in 1839.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Brewster,	S. Williams,	1832													
Chatham,	C. Rockwell,	March 28, 1839													
Dennis, North,	D. Kendrick,	Dec. 1839				2							1	1	
" South,															
Eastham,	D. H. Babcock,	Nov. 7, 1839	18	45	63	1							1	2	75
Harwich,															
Orleans,	H. Lucas,	Stated supply.	34	139	173	2			6						300
Truro,	C. Boyter,														
Wellfleet, North,	W. H. Adams	March 22, 1840	58	118	176	4									200
" South,	S. Hardy,	Stated supply.	60	84	144	14	2	16	2				4	13	200
Yarmouth,															
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Without Pastoral Charge.—Philander Shaw and Enoch Pratt.

Rules of the Association.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to cooperate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The Secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be

organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee.

11. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not

considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

22. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

23. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

24. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

25. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

27. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

28. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

29. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in

this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

30. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

31. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

32. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

33. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

By-Laws.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting, next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

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